

**Graduate Council Resolution in Support of RME for the Creation of a MEDPREP
Concentration in the Biological Sciences MS Program. May 3, 2012**

RATIONALE

Whereas, The College of Science proposes the addition of a MEDPREP concentration to the Biological Sciences MS. Currently, MEDPREP is a post baccalaureate program administered through the SIUC School of Medicine. Participants in the program receive a certificate. And

Whereas, the proposed change from a certificate to a concentration within Biological Sciences will make graduating students more marketable in expanding fields such as applied research, medical technician and community college teaching or better prepare students for a professional degree; and

Whereas, only one similar program exists in Illinois, so it is anticipated that such a change may increase enrollments; and the proposed change does not require new faculty, staff, facilities or dollars;

RESOLUTION

Therefore be it resolved that the Graduate Council approves the proposed RME (with friendly amendment regarding changes in catalog copy to clarify required hours and grading policy for non-thesis option) for the creation of a MEDPREP Concentration in the Biological Sciences MS Program.