

**Education Policies Committee Motion
regarding
Graduate Research Fellowships**

Whereas attaching a research/creative activity service component to fellowship stipends will advance the professional development of fellowship recipients and will help to ensure that they are well integrated into their academic programs;

And whereas the research or creative activity performed by fellowship recipients benefits other graduate students, the programs to which fellowship recipients belong, and the research mission of SIUC;

And whereas paying fellowship stipends as salary through payroll will enable such stipends to keep pace with graduate assistant salary increments;

Be It Resolved that

As soon as is practically feasible, the Graduate School re-model graduate school fellowships as “research fellowships” wherein:

(a) the research/creative activities undertaken by graduate student fellows and any presentations of, or reports on, such activities be regarded as a service to the programs in which the fellows are enrolled; and consequently that

(b) “research fellowship” stipends become salary dispersed monthly through the Payroll Office less any required withholdings.