## Graduate Council Resolution – April, 2011 in Support of RME for the Creation of a Concentration in Ecology by the Environmental Resources and Policy Ph.D. Program

## **RATIONALE**

Whereas, ER&P proposes to create a new concentration in Ecology within their Ph.D. program; and

**Whereas**, Ecology is a multidisciplinary field, providing the opportunity for interaction and cooperation by students and faculty across departments, programs and colleges. Further, it is a traditional strength at SIUC, as indicated by the success of SIUC's Center for Ecology (which does not grant degrees); and

**Whereas,** the concentration will require only minor programmatic changes, and will not require new faculty or new resources, and is predicted to increase graduate enrollment;

## RESOLUTION

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Graduate Council approves the proposed RME for the creation of an Ecology Ph.D. concentration in ER&P.