

**Ed Policies Resolution Regarding Banner
October 23, 2008**

Whereas:

President Poshard has challenged the Graduate School to increase graduate enrollment for Fall 2009 by 5%, and whereas

the deficiencies of the Banner Implementation Project (officially the Unified Digital Campus Project) that is replacing the current Student Information System, including the on-line graduate application not only cripples prospects for enrollment growth, but makes the admission process to graduate programs extremely cumbersome and time consuming for graduate faculty and staff.

Be it Resolved that the Graduate Council

1. Acknowledges with appreciation the efforts of Information Technology's Banner team to remedy the most glaring deficiencies of Banner with respect to graduate admissions including efforts
 - (a) to provide a summary page containing a prospective student's admissions information;
 - (b) to provide a method for downloading information from that summary page into a spreadsheet application;
 - (c) to provide automatic email notifications to a graduate program when a prospective student applies to that program; and
 - (d) to provide graduate programs with the ability to check on the status of a prospective student's application;
2. Asks that Information Technology's Banner team continue to work in partnership with at least two active directors of graduate studies to remedy the above deficiencies as soon as possible;
3. Asks that Chancellor Goldman provides the resources that Information Technology's Banner team needs to remedy the above deficiencies as soon as possible;
4. Asks that President Poshard and Chancellor Goldman support the effort to find a more permanent solution to the problems that Banner presents for graduate recruitment and admission by providing funds to purchase 3rd party software/services that more efficiently handle the above tasks as well as others that are essential for increasing graduate applications and enrollments in coming years (such as the ability to solicit and maintain online letters of recommendation).