

**Graduate Council Resolution in Support of
An Increase in the Graduate School Application Fee**

Whereas, the current Graduate School application fee is \$50 which is split \$20 to the Graduate School and \$30 the Graduate Program; and

Whereas, the \$20 Graduate School portion is used to pay for ApplyYourself; and

Whereas, approximately \$10,000 of the current Graduate School budget is used for Graduate School recruitment activities; and

Whereas, it is proposed to increase the Graduate School application fee to \$60 to be split \$30 to the Graduate School and \$30 to the Graduate Program; and

Whereas, the increase in the application fee will generate approximately an additional \$40,000/year for the Graduate School which will allow for:

- more travel to additional and distant recruitment events, perhaps sending faculty, as appropriate as well,
- more printed materials – perhaps send something to students when accepted about area, institution, etc.,
- may assist in hiring of another staff person in admissions – for recruitment travel and social media management, dedicated Hobson’s staff person,
- support for retention activities – e.g., Week of Welcome, planned professionalization initiative

Therefore, be it resolved that the Graduate Council approve the proposed increase in the Graduate School application fee from \$50 to \$60.