RESOLUTION  
Council of Graduate Students – University of Minnesota  
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Topic: Creation of sufficient spaces in graduate level writing courses for international students  

Whereas, writing is a crucial skill for graduate students to become successful professionals;  

Whereas, graduate students who speak English as a second language sometimes require additional courses in writing to reach proficiency for academic and professional purposes;  

Whereas, the Graduate School requires students who do not demonstrate proficiency in writing take a writing course as a requisite to register for courses in later semesters;  

Whereas, students are occasionally placed in 3000 level undergraduate classes due to insufficient space and scheduling challenges of the 5000 level course. However, a 3000 level course is not sufficiently rigorous and does not teach the writing skills graduate students require.  

Whereas, the lack of space in 5000 level courses is due to insufficient seats in the 5000 level courses and not seats being taken by undergraduates and not solely due to scheduling challenges;  

Resolved, that the Council of Graduate Students respectfully requests the University of Minnesota offer sufficient resources to the Minnesota English Language Program to offer enough seats in 5000 level courses to meet demand.  

Resolved, that the Council of Graduate Students respectfully requests the Minnesota English Language Program offer sufficient seats in a 5000 level course to accommodate graduate students who need to take it.  

Passed unanimously by the General Assembly on 2/15/2012