

**RESOLUTION**

**Council of Graduate Students (COGS) and the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA)– University of Minnesota**

**Date: February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Co-sponsors: Peter Gloviczki, Geoff Hart, Boyd Cothran and Kristi Kremers**

**Topic: Transparency Initiative for the University of Minnesota Leadership**

---

**Whereas** during these difficult economic times the University of Minnesota is going to have to make difficult decisions to accommodate budget restrictions.

**Whereas** the announcement of the dissolution of The Graduate School at the University of Minnesota occurred in a manner with little transparency or discussion with faculty, students, and staff.

**Whereas** large changes to structure without transparency and discussion lead to mistrust in the administration, decreased morale, and greater possibility for inefficient changes to occur.

**Be it resolved that** the University of Minnesota leadership take renewed diligence to consult with faculty, students, and staff regarding substantial changes to the University of Minnesota's professional, graduate and undergraduate programs and services.

**Be it so resolved that** the administration releases a report detailing the University's financial goals and the ways that restructuring processes will meet and exceed those goals.

**Be it so resolved that** to enable graduate students across departments to retain competitive funding and support in their respective disciplines, COGS and GAPSA will create an Ad Hoc Graduate Education restructuring support committee to assist the few graduate representatives on the new Implementation Team.

*GAPSA Passed – 2/18/09*

*COGS Passed – 2/19/09*

*MSA Passed – 3/3/09*

*Student Senate Passed – 3/5/09*