

1 **R. 7 — Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee on the Teaching, Advising, and Mentoring of**
2 **Graduate and Professional Students**

3 **WHEREAS**, Graduate and professional students have important perspectives on their education;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, We recognize the impact of faculty teaching, support, and mentorship on graduate
6 and professional students' academic, personal, and professional development; and

7 **WHEREAS**, There is already an established tradition of recognizing excellence in teaching at
8 the undergraduate level; and

9 **WHEREAS**, We wish to promote student initiatives and conversations about excellence in
10 teaching at the graduate level; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Cornell University has many professors who exemplify excellence in the teaching,
12 advising, and mentoring of graduate and professional students; and

13 **WHEREAS**, We wish to acknowledge and express gratitude to professors who have
14 demonstrated excellence in the teaching, advising, and mentoring of graduate and professional
15 students; therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, That the GPSA form an ad hoc Committee on the Teaching, Advising, and
17 Mentoring of Graduate and Professional Students charged with completing the following tasks
18 by the end of the academic year (May 5, 2011):

- 19 a) Articulate criteria for excellence in the teaching, advising, and mentoring of graduate and
20 professional students;
- 21 b) Create an annual Award (or Awards) for Excellence in the Teaching, Advising, and
22 Mentoring of Graduate and Professional Students;
- 23 c) Establish a process for soliciting nominations and/or applications for the annual award(s);
- 24 d) Establish a process for selecting award recipients;
- 25 e) Draft a letter outlining best practices, award criteria and procedures with the intention
26 that it be sent out to faculty in all graduate fields.
- 27 f) Give the first such Award(s) in April 2012

28 **RESOLVED**, That this resolution be sent to Peggy Beach, Director of the Office of Assemblies;
29 Kent Hubbell, Dean of Students; Susan H. Murphy, Vice President for Student and Academic
30 Services; Barbara Knuth, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School; J. Ellen Gainor,
31 Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs; Sarah Hale Wicker, Associate Dean for
32 Student Services; Sheri Notaro, Associate Dean for Inclusion and Professional Development;
33 Tilman Baumstark, Assistant Dean for Professional Development; Brenda Wickes, Assistant
34 Dean for Graduate Student Life and Career; Stewart J. Schwab, the Allan R. Tessler Dean,
35 Cornell Law School; Michael Kotlikoff, Austin O. Hooyer Dean of Veterinary Medicine; L.

36 Joseph Thomas, Anne and Elmer Lindseth Dean of the Samuel Curtis Johnson Graduate School
37 of Management, and Theresa Pettit, Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence.

38 **Respectfully submitted,**

39 Bryan Alkemeyer

40 GPSA Humanities Voting Member

41 Nicole M. Baran

42 GPSA Social Sciences Voting Member, Executive Vice President