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GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE  
SENATE SESSION GS-09

SENATE BILL NO. GS09-25

AS INTRODUCED

A resolution acknowledging the need for ethics training during a graduate student's academic career

- Whereas: It will be mandated by the Federal Government (in pursuant of Section 7009 of the America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science {COMPETES} [Act 42 U.S.C. 1862o-1]) that all institutions receiving federal grant monies will be required to offer non online ethics training to all students that participate in a federally funded grant starting October 1, 2009.
- Whereas: In recent years, it has become more apparent that universities and corporate institutions prefer to recruit students and employees with ethics training.
- Whereas: One of the main areas of focus in the United States is personal integrity within a professional arena.
- Whereas: Research has shown that providing field specific ethics training has benefited students and employees in complicated work situations.
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma Graduate College has pioneered the development of an Ethics Research Training that is being presented to other Graduate Programs in the US and is considered by the Federal Government and other academic instructions as a leader in Ethics Training.
- Whereas: The University of Oklahoma Graduate College has determined that the least costly method of compliance with the Federal Government is to use the format of workshops to provide ethics training. Departments who have ethics training within their curriculum may be exempt from the generic workshop, however, the Graduate College will determines if said departments training meet the standards set forth by the Ethics Research Training Workshop.
- Whereas: The funding of the Ethics Research Training will be presented to students who participate in a federally funded grant at the cost of a onetime registration amount (\$150.00 for master's students and doctorate students). The Grant Writers or Departments may opt to pay the costs of this workshop. The Graduate College will determine at a future date specific costs for Post Doctoral Researchers and Undergraduate Students who fall under the Federal Mandate for Ethics Training.

Now, therefore, let it be resolved that:

- Section 1: The Graduate Student Senate recognizes the need for Ethics Training during the course of a graduate student's academic career and that it will become obligatory for students that are affected by the Federal Mandate (in pursuant of Section 7009 of the America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science {COMPETES} [Act 42 U.S.C. 1862o-1]) starting October 1, 2009.
- Section 2: The Graduate Student Senate recognizes the advantages of being trained in a "cutting edge" program for students graduating and entering the professional fields of their choice.
- Section 3: The Graduate Student Senate recognizes that the Graduate College has been proactive in keeping all costs at a point of *revenue neutrality* and is willing to consider departmental alternative training that meets the standards as developed in the Ethics Research Training workshops that will be considered the norm for The University of Oklahoma.
- Section 4: The Graduate Student Senate recognizes that the Graduate College has provided this training in its developmental form to any graduate student at the University of Oklahoma free of charge.
- Section 5: The Graduate Student Senate appreciates the communication between The Graduate College and Graduate Student population in bringing the upcoming Federal mandate in to discussion and the willingness of the Graduate College to work in partnership with the graduate student population as represented by The Graduate Student Senate to be in compliance with the Federal Government. Mandate (in pursuant of Section 7009 of the America Creating Opportunities to Meaningfully Promote Excellence in Technology, Education, and Science {COMPETES} [Act 42 U.S.C. 1862o-1])

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Action taken by Senate: Passed by Consent

Verified by Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_