

Resolution Opposing the Selection Process for Mid-Career Fellowships

Passed on May 13, 2011

WHEREAS, a significant number of additional fellowships have been distributed to selected students without initial five-year packages over the past several years;

Plenary

WHEREAS, these fellowships have not been announced publicly to all eligible students to ensure a fair opportunity to compete for them in a fair and open manner;

Steering Committee

WHEREAS, the selection criteria for these Graduate Center-wide fellowships has not been publicly disseminated and it cannot be determined that the criteria were employed uniformly across different programs or recipients;

Constitution and Bylaws

WHEREAS, these actions fail to conform to the spirit and letter of the Equal Educational Opportunities Act, which seeks to ensure an open application process, uniform selection criteria, and non-biased review of all qualified candidates;

Media Board

Health Issues

WHEREAS, other funding opportunities for Level I and II students not awarded the Chancellors Fellowship have significantly decreased in recent years making these fellowships a crucial source of student support;

Cultural Affairs

Professional Development

WHEREAS, the Doctoral Students' Council (DSC) is the official body representing all students at the Graduate School; and

WHEREAS, the DSC has not been consulted regarding this decision impacting student support; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Doctoral Students' Council opposes the publicity and selection process employed by the Graduate Center for these additional fellowships; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DSC requests that the Provost's Office now provide written guidance to programs specifying how future additional fellowships be publicized and awarded, with the opportunity for commentary and revision by the DSC and timely dissemination.