GCR Resolution

Whereas, The Graduate Student Council and the Graduate Council have recently both twice (2001-2002, and 2002-2003) recommended the elimination of the requirement for a Graduate Council Representative (GCR) on doctoral committees, and

Whereas, The recently created Ombudsperson for Graduate Education (Graduate Catalogue, pages 22-23) and other administrative structures to protect student and faculty rights and prerogatives make redundant the GCR's role as regards due process concerns, and

Whereas, The academic integrity of dissertations is insured by actions of departmental faculty, Heads, and the Graduate Council as regards rigor in making appointments to the graduate faculty, and

Whereas, Students regularly have complained, with justification, regarding the difficulties in scheduling GCR participation in advisory committee meetings, especially in summers; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Texas A&M University Faculty Senate approves the elimination of the GCR position on doctoral advisory committees, with the understanding that individual Colleges at their discretion may impose (and administer) a requirement that advisory committees include an out-of-college member.

Approved by the Faculty Senate 04/14/03