Section IV-J: Copy of Resolution Passed by the Graduate Students Association in Light of the Eight-Year Review Involving the UCLA Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures

Proposed resolution on graduate input vis-a-vis eight year departmental reviews:

WHEREAS, the Graduate Students Association appointees to the Graduate Council of the Academic Senate are permitted to join the departmental eight-year review committees to a limited extent for the purpose of mediating between students and the committee, and reporting on graduate student issues, and

WHEREAS, the review process has revealed on occasion dysfunctional departments in which serious and persistent problems exist, and

WHEREAS, many of these problems involved the interaction between faculty members and graduate students to the disadvantage of those -students, suggesting abuse of power on the part of faculty:

BE IT RE SOLVED THAT

The GSA Forum calls upon the incoming GSA officers and the Academic Affairs Commissioner to make representations to the Academic Senate and Graduate Division regarding the following issues:

I .   The efficacy of the eight-year review system in highlighting and reforming major problems in terms of the time gap between reviews and the procedures for taking action to address issues;

2.   The resources available to the review committee in respect of interviewing not only current but also former graduate and professional students;

3.   The protection afforded to students who wish to speak out regarding what they perceive as abuse of power within a department;

4.   The necessity for objective standards in the review process;

5.   Unhindered access to the graduate student body for the student member(s) of the review committee

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