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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON GRADUATE STUDENTS AND THE HONOR COUNCIL

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Charge: To investigate how our current Honor Code applies to graduate students and to propose reforms if necessary.

The Working Group on Graduate Students and the Honor Council makes the following recommendations:

1) That the current Honor Council be bifurcated to form separate undergraduate and graduate honor councils. The Working Group is suggesting no changes to the Honor Council as presently formulated outside the shifting of graduate members and cases to the newly formed body. It is the understanding of the Working Group that the Provost has the authority to effect this change.

2) That the newly formed Graduate Honor Council be comprised of both faculty and graduate-student members.

3) That an initial group of six Graduate Honor Council members be selected immediately after the formation of the new body, consisting of three graduate students (two chosen by the GSA; one by the Jones Student Association) and three faculty members (chosen by the Faculty Senate). This group would be responsible for designing the architecture and drafting the constitution and by-laws of the Graduate Honor Council (based on guiding documents for the current all-university Honor Council) with the goal of its full operation by fall 2015. [NB: Jones School students do not have voting representation in the GSA, hence the split student selection.]

4) That the formative group proposed in point #3 promptly establish processes to recruit, train, and ensure continuity of Graduate Honor Council members in advance of the Fall 2015 start date.

5) That a triage committee, consisting of the Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and a representative from the Research Integrity Office, be formed to vet all cases of possible graduate-student honor code infringement before further action is taken upon them. This group would determine, on a case-by-case basis, if a suspected infringement constitutes a classroom violation (to be investigated by the Graduate Honor Council) or research violation (to be investigated by RIO).

6) That more rigorous introduction to the honor code be integrated into graduate student orientation, possibly including a required test on infractions and consequences.