

Faculty Senate Resolution on Doctoral Programs

Whereas, doctoral students act as pillars of high quality undergraduate education in their roles as skilled laboratory, research and teaching assistants under faculty supervision, and complement the faculty in providing individualized tutoring and enhanced learning opportunities outside the classroom, and

Whereas, the national ranking of SMU (for instance, as measured by the US News and World Report) is strongly influenced by the reputation, placement and research output of SMU doctoral students, and that the subjective evaluation of SMU by peers in other universities, and

faculty members to enhance their professional standing by

operates and placing them in reputable positions, and

play a crucial role in engaging and interfacing with undergraduate students

that in turn helps recruit high quality undergraduates and raise the

incoming class (as measured for instance by their average SAT score), and