

**Council Resolution Three (CR – 03): End Federal  
Government Shutdown  
10/14/2013**



**WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2013 the United States Congress failed to reach an agreement on a Continuing Resolution that would appropriate money to government agencies as previously authorized by law;

**WHEREAS**, the subsequent partial government shutdown resulted in the furlough of 800,000 nonessential government employees;

**WHEREAS**, specific government agencies that fund cutting edge graduate student research or work closely with higher education institutions have suffered particularly deep stoppages;

**WHEREAS**, 98 percent of the National Science Foundation's personnel have been furloughed and new scientific research grants are not being issued;

**WHEREAS**, three-quarters of workers at the National Institutes for Health are no longer on the job;

**WHEREAS**, government shutdown-related delays prevent graduate students from advancing their graduate research on a timely basis, which results in increased student indebtedness, failures to meet completion deadlines, and delayed normative completion rates for the University;

**WHEREAS**, UCSD graduate students are directly and immediately impacted by the cancellation of current rounds of competitive grants that are a vital source for breakthrough research;

**WHEREAS**, UCSD graduate students dependent on streams of data provided by federal government agencies that are now currently offline due to the government closure are unable to continue research vital to their dissertation projects;

**WHEREAS**, research related information, such as access to publications and government reports are restricted by the government shutdown;

**WHEREAS**, time-sensitive resources and experiments are being delayed by the federal government shutdown, delaying PhD candidates from completing their degrees;

**WHEREAS**, UCSD graduate students collaborating with government agency staff on research projects are unable to communicate with furloughed workers resulting in delays and cancellations of existing research;

**WHEREAS**, The US National Science Foundation (NSF) is recalling staff and scientists from Antarctica due to the ongoing US government shutdown directly affecting Scripps Institute of Oceanography graduate students;

**WHEREAS**, During a normal year, roughly 700 scientists head south each year to study Antarctica's ice, ecosystems and atmosphere from October to February.

**WHEREAS**, the suspension of Antarctic studies prevents graduate students at the Scripps Institute of Oceanography in particular from overseeing ongoing research, and thus threatening the future viability of unattended equipment currently on the Antarctic ice sheet;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the UCSD GSA supports an immediate end to the partial government shutdown;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the UCSD GSA calls for the immediate passage of a continuing resolution to be passed by both US houses and be signed into law by the President;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that UCSD GSA looks forward to working with local congressional representatives to end the government shutdown.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Graduate Student Association of UCSD support nothing short of real and sustained growth in federal science investments will take our country forward in an increasingly competitive global environment.

Certified: Rahul S. Kapadia, 10/17/2013