



Resolution No. 1617-21

**A Resolution in Commendation of Dr. Leona Rubin,
Associate Vice Chancellor for Graduate Studies.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

WHEREAS, Dr. Leona Rubin joined the faculty at University of Missouri in 1989 as a professor of Biomedical Sciences, and served as Chair of Faculty Council from 2009-2011 before becoming Interim Dean of the Graduate School in 2013; and

WHEREAS, as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Graduate Studies, Dr. Rubin has encouraged open and earnest conversations about the relationship between graduate-professional students and administrators; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rubin acts with grace and candor, even when leading in the most tenuous of circumstances, and she does not hide from confrontation or responsibility, a valuable quality for someone in a leadership position; and

WHEREAS, she has encouraged the collection of data on the graduate-professional student experience before and after graduation to help understand the unique needs of this population; and

WHEREAS, as supporter of graduate-professional student accomplishment and research, Dr. Rubin founded the Graduate Awards Banquet as an event that highlights the scholarship, teaching, and service of graduate-professional students and faculty; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rubin continues to advocate for policies for graduate student parents, including a paid parental leave for graduate assistants and fellows, an effort and legacy that will live on far after she has left MU; and

WHEREAS, her dedication was formally recognized in 2014 with her induction into the Rollins Society; be it

RESOLVED, by vote of the General Assembly here gathered, that the Graduate Professional Council formally recognizes Dr. Leona Rubin for her efforts and thank her for dutiful service to our students, wishing her a happy retirement.

SUBMITTED,

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