

September 15, 2008

MEMORANDUM TO: R. W. Borchardt
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary **/RA/**

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS – SECY-08-0098 – REQUEST TO
INCREASE THE NUMBER OF FELLOWS IN THE GRADUATE
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Commission has approved the staff's proposal to expand the scope of the Graduate Fellowship Program (GFP) to 16 fellows at any one time, beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year. This increase to 16 fellows is a ceiling on the program and as such, is the maximum number that the staff may support at any one time.

The actual number of fellows supported in any academic year, however, must be subject to available funding. In that regard, the Commission has provided \$0.5 million in FY 2010 for the expanded GFP as part of its approval of the FY 2010 budget.

The staff should identify and prioritize its most critical skill needs and use the GFP to close the highest priority skill gaps. The staff should keep the Commission informed of its plans to implement an expanded GFP during the agency's annual Workforce Planning meeting.

cc: Chairman Klein
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Commissioner Svinicki
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