WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, at its September 9, 2004 meeting, approved an amendment to Article III, Section 7, sub-section (j) of The General Rules of the University that assigns to the Vice President for Technology and Economic Development (VPTED) "direct line authority for University offices and entities involved in technology commercialization and related economic development"; and

WHEREAS, The General Rules as amended empowers and charges the VPTED to "establish operational guidelines and procedures for the administration of intellectual property," including "oversight of revenue or equity collection and distribution" and "resolution of disputes among creators and/or unit executive officers," which responsibilities previously in The General Rules were "delegated... to the vice chancellor for research on each campus"; and

WHEREAS, The General Rules now places the vice chancellors for research under the "direct line authority" of the VPTED, rather than of their chancellors, in the above-mentioned matters; and

WHEREAS, The General Rules as amended further specifies that the VPTED is to establish such guidelines and procedures "in consultation with the vice president for academic affairs and vice chancellors for research," but makes no mention of the chancellors in this connection; and

WHEREAS, the consequence of these changes is to deprive the chancellors of an explicit role in the above-mentioned matters, either directly or through their vice chancellors for research; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to the health of the campuses and to their ability to contribute optimally to the research mission of the University that the chancellors have an explicit, direct and significant role in the development of guidelines and procedures for the administration of intellectual property as these guidelines and procedures affect their campuses and faculty, and that the chancellors be directly and significantly involved in the oversight of revenue or equity collection and distribution deriving from the research of their faculty;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the University of Illinois at Springfield Campus Senate urges the Board of Trustees to amend The General Rules, Article III, Section 7, sub-section (j), by adding the phrase "With the advice and concurrence of the
chancellors," to the third sentence of this sub-section, before the words: "In consultation with the vice president for academic affairs and vice chancellors for research"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of Illinois at Springfield Campus Senate calls upon the senates of the other two campuses of the University, and upon the University Senates Conference, to join with it in urging the Board of Trustees to amend The General Rules in this manner:

The General Rules, Article III, Section 7, sub-section (j)

(j) Administrative Responsibility. The president has ultimate authority for the stewardship of intellectual property developed at the University. Pursuant to Article I, Section 2, Paragraph (d) the vice president for technology and economic development has direct line authority for University offices and entities involved in technology commercialization and related economic development. With the advice and concurrence of the chancellors, and in consultation with the vice president for academic affairs and vice chancellors for research, the vice president for technology and economic development will establish operational guidelines and procedures for the administration of intellectual property, including but not limited to determination of ownership, assignment, protection, licensing, marketing, maintenance of records, oversight of revenue or equity collection and distribution, approval of individual exceptions, and resolution of disputes among creators and/or unit executive officers.