WHEREAS the 2004 Athletics Review Task Force report clearly identified the academic and ethical principles that should guide the role of intercollegiate athletics at UIS; and

WHEREAS the 2004 Athletics Review Task Force report clearly set out the procedures and institutional changes that the UIS administration and the Athletic Department needed to implement in order to correct and prevent the misconduct and abuses within the athletic department and to ensure the proper role for intercollegiate athletics within the overall goals of UIS; and

WHEREAS the recent termination of three athletic coaches appears to reflect an ongoing pattern of ethical failures and misconduct, a lack of effective oversight within the athletic department, and a lack of effective oversight of the athletic department by the UIS administration; and

WHEREAS the Chancellor exercises direct administrative control over the Athletic Director and the Athletic Department; and

WHEREAS concerns have been raised that the Chancellor has failed to:

- work closely with the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (IAC), Faculty Athletic Representative, and Campus Senate to ensure the safety and academic success of students who are athletes; and

WHEREAS the Chancellor has engaged in a lengthy pattern of unilateral actions in aggrandizing the role of intercollegiate athletics at UIS without consulting with the various stakeholders in the UIS community; and

WHEREAS the Chancellor has failed to establish or failed to utilize the process and institutional changes recommended by the 2004 Athletics Review Task Force report; and

WHEREAS contrary to the recommendation of the 2004 Athletics Review Task Force
that he meet regularly with the IAC, since 2004 the Chancellor has not met with the Senate Intercollegiate Athletics Committee and has consistently ignored their recommendations; and

WHEREAS the Chancellor’s disregard for the faculty's role in shared governance in athletics is part of a larger and consistent pattern of unilateral actions that have created unnecessary problems on campus;

WHEREAS the Chancellor has ignored repeated discussions with the faculty leaders of the Campus Senate over a period of years about his disregard for shared governance and resulting problems;

WHEREAS the only investigations conducted into the events leading to the recent resignation of three coaches at UIS were internal investigations conducted by the athletic department and;

WHEREAS no unit of the university should be entrusted to investigate itself and;

WHEREAS it is essential that the confidence of the University community in the administration of the athletic department and the commitment of the Chancellor to shared governance be restored;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Campus Senate concludes that it is essential that an independent investigation of intercollegiate athletics at UIS be conducted which is credible with the faculty and other UIS stakeholders. In order to meet this standard, the investigative committee shall consist of the chair of the IAC, a faculty member appointed by the Campus Senate, and an external consultant, who will be mutually agreed upon by the Chancellor and the SEC.