WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees Chairman Christopher G. Kennedy shared his thoughts on “entering into a University-wide dialogue about the future of the University” in the face of rapid changes around us; and

WHEREAS, the UIS Campus Senate applauds Chairman Kennedy’s openness and sincerity in considering such a dialogue with all of the University constituents notwithstanding that it would be an ambitious task; and

WHEREAS, the UIS Campus Senate supports the concept of a University-wide dialogue about the future of the University; and

WHEREAS, this University-wide dialogue should focus on identifying University priorities with the goal of achieving financial sustainability while making excellent education accessible to all students; and

WHEREAS, this University-wide dialogue should be forward-looking and deal with issues of interest best addressed at the University level involving all three campuses;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Campus Senate of the University of Illinois at Springfield endorses a University-wide dialogue that focuses on issues where cooperation across all campuses will help advance the entire University; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Campus Senate of the University of Illinois at Springfield endorses the following topics for the agenda of the University-wide dialogue:

1. Inter-campus articulation and transfer;

2. Topics related to academic review and priority setting, such as sunset policies and dashboard performance indicators for University competitiveness;

3. University-wide enrollment management coordination and cooperation;
4. Membership to the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) for the University of Illinois;

5. Diversity initiatives at the University level; and

BE IT RESOLVED that each campus contributes an equal number of delegates to the University-wide dialogue; and

BE IT RESOLVED that campus delegations to the University-wide dialogue shall include civil service, academic professional, student, faculty, and administrative representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that campus delegations shall also form and finalize a jointly agreed-upon agenda which will be transmitted to the President and the Board of Trustees for consideration;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Campus Senate of the University of Illinois at Springfield transmit this resolution to the University Senates Conference, Interim Vice President/Chancellor Harry Berman, Vice President/Chancellor Susan Koch, President Michael J. Hogan, and to Chairman Kennedy and the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois.