WHEREAS, the three campuses of the University of Illinois differ in size and orientation, and each has equally valuable educational and social roles to play in Illinois and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the University Senates Conference functions as an advisory, transmitting, and coordinating body on behalf of the University faculty and thus ought to share University-level governance among faculty from the three campuses; and

WHEREAS, the University Senate Conference has had a long tradition of rotating its leadership positions (i.e., chair and vice chair) among members of the three campuses; and

WHEREAS, the rotation was established to maintain harmonious relations within the University, to acknowledge a degree of parity among the campuses, and to exemplify shared governance at the University of Illinois;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the rotation tradition of leadership positions in the University Senates Conference will be upheld with a UIS member assuming the chair position in Fall 2012;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Campus Senate of the University of Illinois at Springfield approves the following revisions to the Statutes regarding the organization of the University Senates Conference.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Campus Senate of the University of Illinois at Springfield transmits this resolution to the University Senates Conference, Vice President/Chancellor Susan Koch, President Michael J. Hogan, and to the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois.
Section 2. University Senates Conference

a. Organization

(1) The University Senates Conference shall be made up of twenty members. The basic representation shall be two members from each senate. Additional members shall be apportioned to each senate, at least one from each senate, in numbers proportional to the number of faculty members on each campus. The apportionment shall be recalculated every five years. Each senate shall elect its own representatives from its membership.

(2) Senators whose senatorial terms expire before their conference terms expire shall complete their conference terms. Any faculty senator or faculty senator-elect shall be eligible for election to the conference. The term of office shall be three years beginning on the first day of the next academic year following the election. Approximately one-third of the conference members from each senate shall be elected annually.

(3) A quorum for conference meetings shall consist of a simple majority of the total membership of the conference. If a quorum cannot be obtained otherwise, the conference members from a senate may designate as many as two alternates from the faculty members of their own senate to serve at a specific meeting.

(4) The conference officers shall be a chair and a vice chair, who shall be elected for one-year terms by and from the conference and shall not be from the same senate. There shall be a rotation among the three senates for the chair and vice chair positions. The senate that has its member elected as the vice chair by and from the conference shall have its member elected as the chair the following year. The senate that has its member elected as the chair by and from the conference shall not be eligible for either the chair or the vice chair the following year. The chair shall not be from the same senate in two consecutive years.

(5) The executive committee of the conference shall consist of two members from each senate: the conference chair, the conference vice chair, and four additional members elected annually by and from the conference. The conference may authorize the executive committee to act on behalf of the conference between scheduled meetings.