UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3-9

TO THE PRESIDENT:

THIS BILL WAS PASSED BY THE UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY ON September 21, 1973
I HEREBY TRANSMIT IT TO YOU FOR YOUR ACTION BY November 25, 1973

Date

Date

Robert J. Barton
SPAKER
October 25, 1973
Date

TO THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY:

ON THIS DATE, October 31, 1973, I HAVE approved
THIS BILL with ATTACHED COMMENTS.
(With, Without)

Robert C. Spencer
PRESIDENT
10-31-73
Date
TO: Robert Batson, Speaker of University Assembly
FROM: Robert C. Spencer
DATE: October 31, 1973
SUBJECT: University Assembly Bill 3-9

I am returning to you with my approval UA Bill 3-9. At the same time I would draw to the attention of the Assembly some of the technical problems in the Bill as it is currently drafted. A revised version of the Bill which would meet most of these objections is attached.

The primary difficulty with the original Bill is a misunderstanding as to the nature of the Joint University Advisory Committee. The Bill reads as if this was a five member SSU committee, while in fact, it is a fifteen man committee of the Board of Regents for which the University Assembly has the responsibility of selecting five representatives.

While I have no objections to the designation of alternates for the SSU representatives, the nature of the JUAC suggests that their acceptance or rejection would be the prerogative of the Committee as a whole and/or of the Board of Regents. The work of the JUAC is such that I have substantial doubts as to whether any alternate who attended only occasional meetings would be very effective. As with most committees, I suspect that the influence of any member is directly proportional to the length of his tenure and the amount of homework he does on matters that come within the purview of the JUAC. As for reporting back to the university community on meetings of the Board of Regents, I think that there is a great deal that transpires at Board meetings that would not be understood by an uninitiated observer.

While the proposed Bill meets the common understanding of the requirement that members of the JUAC be members of the University Assembly, it does not technically meet the requirement as specified in the Governing Policy for the Regency Universities which reads: "Each University constitution may provide that the elected representative body of the university elect by and from its own membership five representatives to serve on a Joint University Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents." The provision that the members
Robert Batson                                                                                                                                  October 31, 1973

-elected to the Joint University Advisory Committee become non-voting members of the Assembly would not meet a strict interpretation of the stipulation that the election be from the membership of the elected body. I don't see this as a major consideration, but I think you should be aware of the discrepancy.

My approval of the Bill is not contingent on University Assembly's acceptance of the revised wording. My approval covers whichever form of the Bill the Assembly chooses to adopt as a final version.

RCS/mal

Attachment
TITLE: A Bill to Reconstitute The Joint University Advisory Committee

It is proposed that in the future the Joint University Advisory Committee shall be elected by and remain responsible to the Sangamon State University Assembly but that the following changes be made in its composition:

1) Candidates for the Joint University Advisory Committee shall be nominated by any University Assembly member from the relevant constituencies in the university community at large.

2) The Joint University Advisory Committee shall consist of two faculty members, two students, and one staff member and two alternate faculty members, two alternate student members, and one alternate staff member.

3) The members of the Joint University Advisory Committee who are not elected members of the University Assembly shall be non-voting members.
TITLE: A Bill to Reconstitute SSU's Membership on the Joint University Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents

It is proposed that in the future SSU's representatives on the Joint University Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents shall be elected by and remain responsible to the Sangamon State University Assembly but that the following changes be made in membership composition:

1) Candidates for the Joint University Advisory Committee shall be nominated and elected by the appropriate constituencies of the University Assembly.

2) SSU representatives on the Joint University Advisory Committee shall be comprised of three constituencies of the University Assembly, as follows: two faculty members, two students, and one staff member and two alternate faculty members, two alternate student members, and one alternate staff member.

3) The SSU members of the Joint University Advisory Committee who are not elected members of the University Assembly shall be non-voting members.