Section 1. **Purpose**

The purpose of this resolution is to propose a change in policy on academic minors for the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Section 2. **Definition of An Academic Minor**

An academic minor is a grouping of courses which has clearly stated academic objectives. It may be located in a discipline or may combine different disciplinary perspectives focusing on a common set of questions or a theme. Minors should provide basic competency in a discipline, or basic understanding of the questions or theme.

Section 3. **Elements of An Academic Minor**

a) A minor will include 15 to 24 semester hours, of which at least eight must be taken from UIS.

b) All minors shall contain a core sequence to give direction and unity to them and may contain a set of options beyond that core to allow flexibility.

c) No person may take a major and a minor in the same program.

Section 4. **Establishing or Changing An Academic Minor**

a) Proposed minors must be within the 15-24 semester hour range unless an exception is granted.

b) Proposed minors with accompanying rationale will be forwarded to the appropriate Dean(s).

c) The Dean(s) will forward the proposal to the college curriculum committee(s) for review and recommendation.
d) The college curriculum committee(s) will review the proposal for academic integrity. After review, the college curriculum committee(s) will make recommendations for approval or disapproval to the Dean(s).

e) The Dean(s) will transmit the action of the college curriculum committee(s) on the proposed minor to the Undergraduate Council for a review of its consistency with University policy.

f) If the college curriculum committee(s) take(s) negative action, the academic unit may appeal to the Undergraduate Council for a review of the academic integrity of the proposal as well as its consistency with policy.

g) After its review, the Undergraduate Council will forward its recommendation to the Campus Senate for approval and transmission to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (VCAA).

Section 5. Program Review

Academic minors shall receive regular institutional review as part of the program review process to insure their academic integrity.