



University of Illinois Springfield
Student Government Association Resolution 026
*Addressing language, cultural issues for International students while
counselling*
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WHEREAS, the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) Student Government Association (SGA) is vested with the authority to be the voice for the student body; and,

WHEREAS, many international students who suffer from extreme stress and psychological problems may be averse to seeking counseling because of cultural barriers and language barriers; and,

WHEREAS, many international students who seek counseling have difficulties conveying their issues and their feelings to the counselors because of cultural barriers and language barriers; and,

WHEREAS, different modes of language expression and cultural expression may impede the effectiveness and the timeliness of counseling for international students; and,

WHEREAS, international students suffering from psychological issues may harm themselves or others.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the UIS Counseling Center should be equipped to provide multilingual counseling services in the event that a language barrier or cultural barrier presents itself when trying to help an international student resolve a psychological problem.

Secretary E. Hartney

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