



**University of Illinois Springfield**  
**Student Government Association Resolution 027**

*Improving International Students' Orientation*

Resolution Sponsors: Senator Jin

**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**, international students are required to attend international student orientation when they arrive; and

**WHEREAS**, many international students do not understand the information that is conveyed to them at orientation; and,

**WHEREAS**, many international students attending orientation are doing so after having just arrived in the United States for the first time, and, thus, many international students experience difficulties in understanding the information being conveyed to them during orientation and during other interactions whereby important information is being conveyed; and,

**WHEREAS**, the information conveyed to international students at orientation is not only difficult for many such students but it also difficult for domestic students who speak the language fluently; and,

**WHEREAS**, after several hours of listening, international students do not understand the information which has been conveyed and are thus more likely to experience a difficult transition, which may negatively impact their adjustment to the university and, ultimately, their graduation and retention rates.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the orientation sessions for international students need to be improved and facilitated by the inclusion of a translator and by conveying the information in a more methodical, measured, and digestible manner, taking steps to ensure the audience has understood the information. By doing so, the adjustment of international students may improve significantly.

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Secretary E. Hartney

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President A. Mehmet