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, the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) and the Athletic Department have been working to get graduation stoles approved for student-athletes; and,

WHEREAS, the registrar has not approved them because stoles are saved for program marshals; and,

WHEREAS, program marshal stoles are in gold while the proposed student-athlete stoles will be in navy blue as to not overshadow or blend in with program marshals; and,

WHEREAS, stoles for UIS athletes are important as they recognize and give distinction to our graduating student-athletes and represent the countless hours of work committed not only to their studies, but also their sport and service in the local community and demonstrates tremendous work ethic, time management and leadership skills.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that SGA strongly recommend to the registrar that the suggested student-athlete stoles be approved for the 2017 commencement.

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Secretary E. Hartney               President A. Mehmet