

University of Illinois at Springfield

Student Government Association
Resolution 2009- 19

Resolution Regarding Furloughs

WHEREAS, The Student Government Association is vested with the authority to represent the students of The University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) in issues affecting them; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois owes the University of Illinois over \$400 million dollars in money essential to the function of the University system; and

WHEREAS, Furlough days have been implemented for all university employees, making over \$30,000 per year, in order to reserve funds necessary to the function of the University; and

WHEREAS, Faculty have the right to choose on which day to use as a furlough day during an individual pay period; and

WHEREAS, many Faculty have decided to take their furloughs days together on the same dates to raise awareness about how the state's budget crisis negatively impacts higher education; and

WHEREAS, Faculty who are taking their furlough days collectively are doing so on different days of the week each pay period in order to minimize the negative affect on students' learning;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the UIS SGA supports the decisions of all faculty members with regard to implementation of their furlough days. UIS SGA recognizes the need to illuminate this issue, and encourages students, faculty and anyone who believes strongly in the value of quality, affordable education to lobby the Illinois General Assembly in whatever capacity they can to help make funding for public education a priority. UIS SGA encourages everyone who is able to participate in the Illinois Education Association Lobby Day, scheduled for April 21, 2010 at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield.

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