

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION (2010-07)

Resolution Calling for a Moratorium on Student Fee Increases for the 2012 Fiscal Year

By President Matt Van Vossen and Internal Vice-President Ryan Melchin

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

WHEREAS, the SGA is set to review a final year of increases in the Athletic fee as part of a five year plan to move UIS into NCAA Division II athletics, in addition to all other student fee increase proposals for FY12; and

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois at Springfield's undergraduate tuition rate for the 2009-2010 AY was the fifth highest among Illinois' twelve public universities; and

WHEREAS, of the four public universities whose tuition exceeded that of UIS' in the 2009-2010 AY, were UIUC, UIC, and ISU; and

WHEREAS, UIS' FY11 student fee increases were the highest of the University of Illinois system, the Student Government Association needs to do all it can to ensure that the costs of attending UIS do not exceed the benefits of a higher education for future generations of students; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois owes the University of Illinois system 130 million dollars with no sign of payment in sight for FY10's State allocations; the cost of tuition at UIS is only likely to increase for 2012 Fiscal Year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in order to ensure that the cost of a higher education at UIS remains within the reach of Illinois' students that, with the exception of an Athletic Fee increase still to be considered, the SGA declares a moratorium on all student fee increases for Fiscal Year 2012.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Board of Trustees and the President of the University of Illinois, the Chancellor, Provost, and Chair of the Campus Senate of the University of Illinois at Springfield, as well as the Student Body Presidents of the Universities of Illinois at Chicago and Urbana-Champaign.

President Van Vossen

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