

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION (2010-08)

Resolution in Support of Discounted Tuition Zones in Contiguous States

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 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, the on-campus undergraduate student population's at the above named universities differ greatly in size from that of UIS' student population; and

WHEREAS, the SGA believes that in order to prevent the cost of higher education at UIS from becoming too costly for future students and in order to maintain the current standard of higher education which UIS provides, that additional revenue needs to be found elsewhere.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in order for UIS to obtain additional revenue, as well as to stay competitive with other Illinois public universities, without increasing tuition even further in FY12, that it is necessary for UIS to expand the population of students paying tuition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Student Government Association strongly supports the Contiguous Area Tuition Pilot Program offering in-state tuition rates to students from counties bordering Illinois in the States of Missouri and Iowa; just as other Illinois public universities offer across the Midwest.

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, Vice-Chancellors, 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

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