

University of Illinois Springfield

Student Government Association Resolution 21 of AY 2011-2012

Statement in Support of MAP Grant Funding

By Senator Joe McGee and Parliamentarian Sean Miller

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association is vested with authority to voice student concerns to University and state officials,

WHEREAS, the Monetary Assistance Program (MAP) grant, as mandated by the Higher Education Student Assistance Act 110 ILCS 947/ 35, provides much needed assistance to students that come from low to middle class families,

WHEREAS, the fiscal crisis that the State of Illinois is facing has thrown the future of MAP grant funding into question,

WHEREAS, after completing their undergraduate education, students are often burdened with debt that nears the hundreds of thousands of dollars,

WHEREAS, according to the Office of Financial Assistance, 27% of students at UIS rely on MAP grants to help fund their college education,

WHEREAS, UIS and the University of Illinois cannot afford to lose such promising individuals, and

WHEREAS, an educated workforce is critical to the success of the Illinois economy,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Illinois Springfield Student Government Association officially supports the continued funding of MAP grant funding by the State of Illinois,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SGA strongly urges the Illinois General Assembly and Governor Pat Quinn to oppose any attempt to discontinue or limit MAP grant funding to Illinois students, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Pat Quinn, Lieutenant Governor Shelia Simon, Speaker of the House Michael Madigan, President of the Senate John Cullerton, Members of the Illinois General Assembly, Chairman Christopher Kennedy, University of Illinois President Michael Hogan, University of Illinois President-Designate Robert Easter, Chancellor Susan Koch, and the State Journal-Register.

President Erin Wilson

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