

University of Illinois Springfield

Student Government Association Resolution 15 (AY 12-13)

Supporting the Creation of a Speaker of the Senate

By Senator Justin Keenan and Treasurer Jamaal Hollins

WHEREAS, The Student Government Association Senators are elected to represent a specific constituency of the UIS community, as well as students that are outside of their constituency,

WHEREAS, The current bylaws contain no mention of a Senate leader or a process for the selection of a leader,

WHEREAS, The addition of a leader would better organize the Senate and allow the Senators to hold to hold their own meetings,

WHEREAS, The SGA bylaws should reflect a process of the selection of a “Speaker of the Senate” in order to ensure the continuity of this process,

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, That the Student Government Association amend the current bylaws under Article II, Section 8 with the addition of a Clause B,

Clause B: Before the second meeting following the Fall SGA elections, in the new academic school year, the Senators shall elect a Speaker of the Senate from among all senator positions. This person shall be referred to as “Speaker” instead of “Senator”. The speaker shall attend executive board meetings as a non-voting member. They shall serve as an established liaison between the Senate and the Executive Committee.

Sub-clause 1. The Speaker of the Senate shall hold bi-weekly Senate meetings.

Sub-clause 2. The Senate has the authority to remove the Speaker from their position with a 2/3 approval vote from all present at the next regularly scheduled SGA At Large meeting. If the removal is approved then the Senate must elect a new Speaker of the Senate at the next regularly schedule SGA At Large meeting.

President Bouray

Secretary Mulvey