

**University of Illinois Springfield**

**Student Government Association Resolution 16 of AY 13-14**

*Elections Process for the Speaker of the Senate*

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WHEREAS, the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) Student Government Association (SGA) is vested with the authority to recommend policies to benefit all members of the student body and serve as the official student voice;

WHEREAS, the Speaker of the Senate of the UIS SGA is vested with the authority to represent the interests of Senators to the Executive Board and vice versa;

WHEREAS, the need for a codified elections process for the Speaker of the Senate is necessary to eliminate concerns over electoral structure and competition;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the elections process for the Speaker of the Senate shall be placed in the beginning of the paragraph representing Clause B in Article II, Section 8 of the UIS SGA Bylaws:

**Article II, Section 8, Clause B. The elections process for the Speaker of the Senate shall consist of a period of general speeches, inquiries by Senators, or both of these elements in tandem per each candidate in the race. Candidates are to be yielded equal time to justify their credentials. Elections are to be conducted by the SGA Secretary and voted on via the secret ballot mechanism. Candidate speaking order is to be determined by a fair and previously agreed upon mechanism by all candidates. The candidate receiving a plurality of the votes of the Senators immediately following this period, so long as a quorum of sitting SGA Senators is reached during the meeting designated as the election date, shall be elected the Speaker of the Senate.**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the SGA President shall have the capacity to set parameters regarding the amount of equal time for candidate speeches during the meeting designated as the election date.

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President Mulvey

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Secretary Ahmad