

University of Illinois at Springfield

Student Government Association Resolution 19 (AY 2013 – 2014)

Creation of the Graduate Student Forum on Blackboard

By Senator Michael Oyakojo

Co-sponsored by Speaker Paige Haiser, Parliamentarian Kyle Noland

WHEREAS, the UIS Student Government Association is vested with the authority to represent the interests of the students of the university;

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois, Springfield (UIS) is a public tertiary institution, vested with authority by relevant statutory provisions and legislations to create enabling environment for learning, interaction, and the development of the students academically, socially, and professionally;

WHEREAS, the current structure of graduate education in UIS, is a mix of traditional, non-traditional, working class, on-ground, and on-line students. This further necessitated the rationale for an on-line platform for communication, that is easily accessible to all graduate students;

WHEREAS, in line with best practice in other tertiary institutions in the US and globally, on-line platform is the most preferred, acceptable, and widely used medium of communication;

WHEREAS, the creation of Graduate Student Forum on Blackboard would be an excellent medium for information dissemination, being the same medium for academic purposes in UIS. Also, it would prevent privacy and confidentiality challenges associated with other forms of communication that were previously considered;

WHEREAS, since other UIS campus students' associations and organizations are currently on blackboard, this implies the possibility for the creation of the Graduate Student Forum on Blackboard;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the UIS SGA work in collaboration with the UIS ITS and other relevant university authorities for the creation of Graduate Student Forum on Blackboard.

President Mulvey

Secretary Ahmad