

University of Illinois Springfield

Student Government Association Resolution 2 (AY 2013 – 2014)

Elimination of Term Requirement for Presidential and Internal Vice-Presidential Candidates

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

WHEREAS, the current SGA Constitution, Article VII, Section 2 reads: “The President shall have served at least one term on SGA.”;

WHEREAS, the current SGA Constitution, Article VII, Section 3 further reads: “The Internal Vice-President shall have served at least one semester on SGA or as an SGA Committee Chair”;

WHEREAS, these constitutional eligibility requirements create a significantly limited pool of candidates eligible for the offices of President and Internal Vice-President;

WHEREAS, the mission of the UIS SGA is to promote student involvement in all of its forms, including leadership in student governance;

WHEREAS, students not currently serving on the Student Government Association nonetheless can contribute much of value to the work of the student body, especially regarding the opinions and needs of typically under-represented segments of the student body;

WHEREAS, candidates for President and Internal Vice-President should be enrolled as students at UIS for at least two semesters, as having a background in the operations of the university builds experience and familiarity;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the constitutional requirements shall be read:

ARTICLE V, Section 2, Paragraph 1: “The President of SGA shall, at the time of seeking office, have a minimum of twelve (12) hours of undergraduate credit or eight (8) hours of graduate credit successfully completed at the University of Illinois Springfield. The President shall have been enrolled for at least two semesters at UIS. ” ;

ARTICLE V, Section 3, Paragraph 1: “The Internal Vice-President of the Student Government shall, at the time of seeking office, have a minimum of twelve (12) hours of undergraduate credit or eight (8) hours of graduate credit successfully completed at the University of Illinois Springfield. The Internal Vice-President shall have been enrolled for at least two semesters at UIS.” ;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this constitutional change shall go into effect immediately following the approval of a 2/3rds majority of students voting in the Fall 2013 Student Government.

President Mulvey

Secretary Ahmad