

**University of Illinois Springfield**

**Student Government Association Resolution 21 AY 13-14**

*Redefining the Role of the Speaker of the Senate*

By Secretary Ahmad

Co-Sponsored by President Mulvey, Internal Vice President Vincent, Senator Heiser, Senator Reiter

WHEREAS, Student Government Association (SGA) is vested in improving the responsibilities of Speaker of the Senate;

WHEREAS, Resolution 15 (AY 12-13) did not establish further roles, responsibilities, and accountability of the establishment of Speaker;

WHEREAS, The role of Speaker of the Senate stated in the SGA bylaws is not fully defined and must be clarified to represent in the best interests of all the Senators and the appointed Speaker;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The following provision that is bolded in the SGA Bylaw Section 8. Clause B. be added which shall read as follows:

Clause B. **On** 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 Executive Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The following provisions be added to the SGA Bylaw Section 8, Clause B. Sub-Clause 1. which shall read as follows:

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

**a) If the Speaker cannot attend the bi-weekly senate meeting, the Speaker will notify the SGA President of their absence and of their replacement of another Senator prior to the Senate meeting.**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That, Student Government Association amends Section 8, Clause B and Sub-Clause 1. in order to clarify the appointment of Speaker of the Senate to ensure consistency for future SGA's.

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President Mulvey

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