USG Resolution Opposing the Elimination of All Academic Departments

WHEREAS, the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) is the recognized constituency of undergraduate students at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (SIUC) under Board of Trustees Policy 3.F.3, and;

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees Policy 3.F.3 states, “student constituency bodies shall be the official organization designated to represent students in matters pertaining to student welfare, student activities, student participation in campus affairs, student participation in institutional planning and administration, and student opinion,” and;

WHEREAS, USG is committed to change, including structural change, that enhances the quality of education for undergraduate and graduate students, furthers the mission of the institution, and;

WHEREAS, departments are based on faculty expertise, devoted to the academic disciplines and majors pursued by students, and designed to provide institutional and disciplinary stability to the diversity of programs suited to a diverse student body, and;

WHEREAS, potential undergraduate students will doubt the stability of programs lacking the institutional status of departments, and question the stability of a university that appears to lack the resources to support departments, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed dissolution of every department on campus has caused avoidable confusion and worry among undergraduate students about the future of their degree programs, and;

WHEREAS, the elimination of academic departments is a matter of “institutional planning and administration,” and is therefore subject to the provision of student input through USG, and;

WHEREAS, the Chancellor has refused to provide empirical evidence in support of the efficacy of the proposal, the potential benefits of the proposal, or the institutional problems, including enrollment, retention, and recruitment remedied by the proposal beyond his personal philosophy, and;

WHEREAS, the Chancellor has refused to provide empirical evidence in support of a unilateral elimination of departments as beneficial across all academic disciplines, and;

WHEREAS, principles of shared governance and academic freedom are threatened when a unilateral reorganization eliminates academic units across the board without regard to the content or mission of the unit, with no opportunity for substantive deliberation or debate, or the provision of undergraduate student input.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Undergraduate Student Government opposes the universal elimination of all academic departments on campus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Undergraduate Students Government recommends that faculty be encouraged and allowed to pursue all productive proposals for change, including those that retain academic departments.

[Signature]
President, Undergraduate Student Government
SPONSORS: Internal Affairs Committee  

One Vision Outreach Training Center- Ablaze

WHEREAS, Undergraduate Student Government is the official undergraduate student governing body for Southern Illinois University;

WHEREAS, the Internal Affairs Committee has the authority to make recommendations on the status and acceptance of Registered Student Organizations (RSOs);

WHEREAS, Undergraduate Student Government has received an official request for acceptance of Registered Student Organization status from the organization entitled One Vision Outreach Training Center- Ablaze.

WHEREAS, the Internal Affairs Committee has meet with officers of the organization and reviewed required documents for legitimacy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Internal Affairs Committee moves that the organization entitled One Vision Outreach Training Center- Ablaze should be officially recognized as a Registered Student Organization at Southern Illinois University.

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Adopted by the Legislation of the Undergraduate Student Government on the day of the 28th of November, 2017.

We hereunto set our hands in affirmation of the adoption of this bill by the Legislation of the Undergraduate Student Government:

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WHEREAS, Undergraduate Student Government is the official undergraduate student governing body for Southern Illinois University;

WHEREAS, the Internal Affairs Committee has the authority to make recommendations on the status and acceptance of Registered Student Organizations (RSOs);

WHEREAS, Undergraduate Student Government has received an official request for acceptance of Registered Student Organization status from the organization entitled Greek Student Society.

WHEREAS, the Internal Affairs Committee has met with officers of the organization and reviewed required documents for legitimacy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Internal Affairs Committee moves that the organization entitled Greek Student Society should be officially recognized as a Registered Student Organization at Southern Illinois University.

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We hereunto set our hands in affirmation of the adoption of this bill by the Legislation of the Undergraduate Student Government:

President, Undergraduate Student Government
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