

FACULTY STATUS AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

***Resolution Opposing the Offering of Four-Year Degrees
at Community Colleges***

WHEREAS according to the Illinois Community College Board website, community colleges in the state of Illinois were founded to “prepare people for college, for transfer to other colleges or universities, and for good paying jobs that demand high skills ” and community colleges are a significant source of undergraduate students for Illinois colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS community colleges have indicated that their #1 mission is baccalaureate education and have pending legislation to remove their oversight from the IBHE to the Illinois Community College Board; and

WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the SIUC Faculty Senate that a four-year degree program is being offered at John A. Logan Community College under the auspices of Mid-Continent University’s ADVANTAGE degree program, and it appears that this program will lead to the granting of the bachelors degree in business management;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of SIUC strongly opposes community colleges granting four-year degrees and encourages the presidents of each institution related to this matter to meet and proactively discuss student enrollment and form a community partnership to the mutual advantage of both institutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of SIU address the Faculty Senate and present a report on the meeting with John A. Logan Community College and further discuss a mutually beneficial plan of action.

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