

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

***Resolution to Recommend a Blue-Ribbon Panel to Evaluate
Plagiarism Accusations against SIU President Poshard***

WHEREAS the *Daily Egyptian* report, based on an anonymous source, has accused SIU President Poshard of plagiarism in his 1984 SIUC dissertation; and

WHEREAS an accusation of plagiarism is perhaps the most serious charge imaginable in the academy; and

WHEREAS an accusation of plagiarism against SIU's president represents a public relations and reputation-damaging event of unprecedented proportions for SIU; and

WHEREAS President Poshard is in a position of hierarchical authority over the entire SIU system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Faculty Senate recommend: SIU Board of Trustees form a blue-ribbon panel, consisting primarily of senior faculty, to evaluate the specific charges of plagiarism against President Poshard. That panel should report its findings to the Board of Trustees.

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