

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolution Urging Legislation to Authorize Payments to Colleges and Universities for Illinois Veterans Grants

WHEREAS Faculty Senate supports the Governor's education initiatives toward returning veterans—particularly the Illinois Veterans Grant (IVG); and

WHEREAS SIUC has already welcomed a large number of returning veterans; and

WHEREAS SIUC welcomes more IVG recipients than any other university or college in Illinois (687 in 2005); and

WHEREAS the number of returning veterans is likely to increase in the near future; and

WHEREAS SIUC's burden for the IVG is estimated to be \$1.8 million for FY 2008; and

WHEREAS the Governor's initiative is an unfunded mandate, putting the burden of honoring the IVG on colleges and universities

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Faculty Senate urges legislators in Southern Illinois to introduce legislation authorizing the release of monies to colleges and universities to meet the State's obligation for IVG recipients

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