

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL/
UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

Resolution on the First Year Experience at SIUC

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate has unanimously endorsed the Philosophy of Saluki First Year and urged the Administration to “support the program in ways that are consistent with the overall mission and values of the University”¹; and

WHEREAS a central element of the first-year experience recommended by the SIUC Task Force is the design and implementation of a credit bearing first-year seminar required of all students; and

WHEREAS the faculty “is responsible for the educational functions of the university, including all matters of admission standards, curriculum, procedures of student instruction and evaluation, graduation requirements, and accreditation, except as otherwise provided by the Board of Trustees, state and federal law”²;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate supports the development and institution of a credit-bearing, first-year seminar required of all first year, first time students at SIUC.

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¹ SIUC Faculty Senate Resolution 0913
(<http://facultysenate.sioc.edu/0309atta.pdf>)

² SIUC Faculty Senate Bylaws I.B.a.ii, accessed March 3, 2009, at
<http://www.sioc.edu/~policies/policies/opffs.html>.