**Sponsors: Senator Rardin, Ex Officio Bonilla**

**Cosponsors: Senator Fulton, Senator Duffy, Senator Myers, Senator Taylor, Senator Holmes, Senator Smith**

*Amendment to the Ex-Officio Bylaws for the Inclusion and Representation of All Students*

WHEREAS, The Student Government Association is the official student governing body for Illinois State University;

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association Constitution, Article II, Section 3, establishes the Student Government Association for “the purpose of this student government shall be to actively represent the Student Body in the shared governance process;”

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the language of the Student Government Association’s governing documents therefore likewise allow for the representation of the student body in its totality;

WHEREAS, the Student Government Association Ex-Officio Bylaws has gender-specific language which does not fully represent those students at Illinois State University of non-binary gender identity;

WHEREAS, amending instances of using “he/him/his” and “she/her/hers” pronouns in the language of the governing documents to rather use the gender-neutral singular “they/them/their” pronoun would allow for better representation of those students with non-binary gender identity, therefore better fulfilling the Association’s constitutionally enumerated purpose;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, all instances of gender-specific language in the bylaws shall be amended to rather use gender-neutral language, substituting either a relevant specific noun or variations of the pronoun “they” for instances of variations of the pronouns “he” and “she;”

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the specific changes to be made are listed as follows (elements bolded below are for clarity by emphasis and shall not be bolded in the actual document):

**Article III, Section A**

“A. If an Ex-Officio delegate accumulates two (2) absences during one full Student Government

Association term, **they** are automatically removed from **their** position following the second unexcused absence, regardless of the reason. The Secretary of the Assembly will notify the delegate, Ex-Officio organization’s president, and advisor by phone or email within forty-eight (48) hours of removal. The ex-officio organization must appoint a new delegate before the next Student Government Association meeting.”

Adopted by the Assembly of the Student Government Association on the **DATE** day of **MONTH**, **YEAR**.

We hereunto set our hands in affirmation of the adoption of this resolution by the Assembly of the Student Government Association:

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Student Body President President of the Assembly

I hereunto set my hand in witness and certification of the adoption of this resolution by the Assembly of the Student Government Association:

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Secretary of the Assembly

Vote:  \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ N