



1 **Sponsors:** Vice President of the Assembly Owens, Student Body President Marquis

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3 Bill to Amend Canvassing the Campus Program

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

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8 WHEREAS, building constituent relations and increasing visibility are priorities of the 2010-2011
9 Student Government Association Administration;

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11 WHEREAS, it is important for our constituents to understand that senators represent the students directly
12 in Student Government Association, making their feedback on issues pertaining to the student body
13 valuable;

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15 WHEREAS, cabinet members are experts in their particular field and can offer valuable information to
16 the student body;

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18 WHEREAS, face to face contact with constituents will enable Student Government Association to better
19 represent the student body and increase communication with the student body;

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21 WHEREAS, to accomplish these goals the Association passed in 2009 *Canvassing the Campus*
22 which required all members of Student Government to give six (6) hours of their time through out the
23 semester with a maximum of two (2) hours per event;

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25 WHEREAS, the original bill was not clear on the consequences for members not completing their
26 mandatory canvassing hours and has created confusion among members, as well as create a potential
27 accountability issue;

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29 WHEREAS, requiring six (6) hours for the second semester is an unreasonable amount of hours
30 because the term is significantly shorter in the spring than the fall semester;

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32 WHEREAS, *Office on the Quad* was a program that began in the 2010-2011 Association as a way for
33 members to satisfy their canvassing requirement;

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35 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly of the Student Government Association authorizes the
36 amendment to the *Canvassing the Campus* program;

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that six (6) canvassing hours be mandatory for all association members
39 in the fall semester, and four (4) canvassing hours be mandatory for all association members in the spring
40 semester;

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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that *Office on the Quad* shall be the primary program that members shall
43 utilize to satisfy their canvassing hours requirement;

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45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Executive Committee shall provide the Association with the
46 complete date, time, and location of the semester's *Offices on the Quad* at the very beginning of each
47 semester;

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49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if a member of the association can not accommodate the dates and times
50 of the scheduled *Office on the Quad* events due to a reoccurring class or other reasons that the Vice



51 President of the Assembly and Secretary of the Assembly find legitimate, then the Vice President of the
52 Assembly shall arrange for alternative events to be used for these members in question to satisfy their
53 canvassing hours;

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55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, alternative events include, but are not limited to, non-mandatory events
56 sponsored by SGA, constituent contact events, representing SGA at ex-officio meetings, and other events
57 deemed acceptable by the Vice President of the Assembly;

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59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that incomplete canvassing hours shall result in one half (1/2) unexcused
60 absence for each hour of canvassing that was not completed by the end of the semester;

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62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all other stipulations in the 2009 *Canvassing the Campus* Bill (Bill 09-
63 10.01) shall remain, except where it directly conflicts with this legislation.

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66 Adopted by the Assembly of the Student Government Association on the 9th day of
67 February, 2011.

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

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74 _____ Douglas Schlessor, President of the Assembly
75 David Marquis, Student Body President

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

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Nora Diaz, Secretary of the Assembly

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