



Sponsor: Student Body President Mason

Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of the Collegiate Readership Program Referendum Committee

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

WHEREAS, civic engagement and increasing academic excellence are goals of the 2008-2009 Student Government Association Administration;

WHEREAS, the Collegiate Readership Program would make 2-3 newspapers available for students to have access to on campus;

WHEREAS, there was a pilot program for this program done two years ago, and it lasted for one month;

WHEREAS, at the end of the pilot program there was a survey done of students in all of the areas that held the newspapers;

WHEREAS, 79% of students surveyed responded that newspapers are important or very important to their education;

WHEREAS, 45% of students surveyed said that their readership, not including the school newspaper, had increased after the pilot program;

WHEREAS, 85% of students surveyed saw a value in newspaper availability Mondays through Fridays;

WHEREAS, 12% said they thought the program would be \$13-15 a semester, 26% said they thought the program would be \$8-12 a semester, and 47% said they thought the program would be \$4-\$7 a semester;

WHEREAS, 66% of students surveyed said they would be willing to pay the amount they thought the program would be;

WHEREAS, the program would actually cost only \$3-\$4 per semester per student;

WHEREAS, it has the ability to enhance students' knowledge of current events, which is useful in the classroom;

WHEREAS, a paragraph about the Collegiate Readership Program was put in the constituent contact email to hear back from students how they feel on the issue;

WHEREAS, all research done so far has shown that students at Illinois State University are interested in, excited about, and willing to pay for the Collegiate Readership Program;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Assembly of the Student Government Association establishes the Collegiate Readership Program Referendum Committee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assembly of the Student Government Association authorizes that the committee shall consist of the Student Body President and at least 3 other members of the Association;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assembly of the Student Government Association directs the Collegiate Readership Program Referendum Committee to report its findings on or before the Assembly Meeting of January 14, 2008;



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assembly of the Student Government Association directs the Collegiate Readership Program Referendum Committee to establish the requisite plans, timelines, and procedures in preparation for a possible student referendum for the Collegiate Readership Program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assembly of the Student Government Association directs the Collegiate Readership Program to take appropriate action to provide for the possible education of the student body about the Collegiate Readership Program and its benefits;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assembly of the Student Government Association directs the Collegiate Readership Program Referendum Committee to report its findings and updates regularly to the Student Government Association;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assembly of the Student Government Association directs the Collegiate Readership Program Referendum Committee to determine overall if the Collegiate Readership Program will be a benefit to the student body and move forward with a student referendum if the results reflect it.

Adopted by the Assembly of the Student Government Association on the 12 day of November, 2008.

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

Ted Mason, Student Body President

Matt Spialek, 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:

Jodi Sullivan, Secretary of the Assembly

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