



1 SPONSORS: Senator Vacura, Senator Clayton, Senator Tomlin, Senator Tomasino
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 4 Resolution recommending 2011-2012 Student Government Association implement ‘Transfer Mentor’
 5 program
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 7 WHEREAS, the Student Government Association is the official student governing body for Illinois State
 8 University;
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 10 WHEREAS, communication and school pride are pillars of the 2010-2011 Student Government
 11 Association;
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 13 WHEREAS, the transfer student population is an often underrepresented, overlooked constituency;
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 15 WHEREAS, approximately 1800 new transfer students arrive each Fall and approximately 600 each
 16 Spring;
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 18 WHEREAS, more effective outreach programs are needed to promote better communication as well as
 19 assist in the transition process for these students;
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 21 WHEREAS, the ‘Transfer Mentor’ program would allow new transfer students to meet current students
 22 who are already knowledgeable about the Illinois State University campus and Normal community,
 23 providing them with an immediate, enduring support resource;
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 25 WHEREAS, ‘Transfer Mentors’ would help orient new transfer students in what is expected of an ISU
 26 student and what opportunities for involvement are available for them in and outside of the classroom;
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 28 WHEREAS, ‘Transfer Mentors’ would provide an excellent personal resource to help answer questions
 29 and concerns for new transfer students;
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 31 WHEREAS, the ‘Transfer Mentor’ program would be largely modeled after the MASAI mentor program
 32 for underrepresented students run by Angela Davenport in the Dean of Students office;
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 34 WHEREAS, students who wish to become a ‘Transfer Mentor’ would be required to have completed at
 35 least two semesters at ISU while maintaining a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5;
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 37 WHEREAS, the Student Involvement Center and Campus Involvement Ambassadors would useful
 38 resources for recruiting ‘Transfer Mentors;’
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 40 WHEREAS, ‘Transfer Mentor’ applicants would be reviewed and selected individually by the Programs
 41 and Recognition committee;
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 43 WHEREAS, ideal mentor applicants would be positive role models who are heavily involved on campus
 44 and in the community, and are not facing disciplinary action by the University;
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 46 WHEREAS, once selected by the committee, ‘Transfer Mentors’ would be trained, listed and assigned
 47 when requested by a transfer student;
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 49 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association will support the ‘Transfer
 50 Mentor’ program to help create an enhanced environment for transfer students;
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52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the program would be launched in Fall of 2011, where the administration
53 would take volunteers that meet the qualifications to help next semester transfer students acclimate to
54 becoming a Redbird;

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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Government Association will continue to strive to be there
57 for constituents of all types, to encourage Academic Opportunities, and to ultimately make Illinois State
58 University a better campus.

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61 Adopted by the Assembly of the Student Government Association on the ____ day of _____, 2010.

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

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68 David Marquis, Student Body President Douglas Schlessler, President of the Assembly

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

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76 Nora Diaz, Secretary of the Assembly Vote: ___Y ___ A ___ N
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