

UNIVERSITY SENATES CONFERENCE  
RESOLUTION ON AVOIDING CROSS-CAMPUS CONFLICTS

WHEREAS, it is a key function of the University Senates Conference to seek accord among the campuses when there are significant issues of potential conflict between them; and

WHEREAS, the University Senates Conference has recorded its commitment to “endeavor in all that it does to promote the greatest degree of excellence achievable for each of the campuses, consistent with the well-being of the others” and has affirmed that “the successes of each of the three campuses benefit the entire state as well as the University of Illinois” (OT-311, May 22, 2014);

therefore

BE IT RESOLVED:

First, that the Conference affirms the right of each campus to propose initiatives designed to further its pursuit of excellence in a manner consistent with its distinct mission and identity;

Second, that the Conference respects and protects the integrity of campus, University, Board, and State review processes for the approval of any such academic proposals;

Third, that the Conference believes that each campus has an obligation to consider the potential effects of its proposals on the other campuses; and

Fourth, that the Conference does not believe that it is within the jurisdiction of the faculty or administration of any one campus to curtail the academic planning of any other campus. Rather, the Conference urges administrative and faculty leaders across the campuses to pursue constructive, collaborative solutions when one proposed campus initiative is thought to present potential impediments to the pursuit of excellence on the part of any of the other campuses.

Finally, be it resolved that this statement shall be transmitted to the Board of Trustees, to the President, to each of the campus Chancellors, and to the chairs of the campus Senates of the University of Illinois.