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Re: Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article X, Section 2 – Academic Freedom (USC ST-72)

Dear Colleagues:

At its meeting on December 6, 2010, the UIUC Senate approved proposed revisions to the *Statutes* concerning academic freedom. The Senate included extensive and helpful background information with the statutory language that was approved. The background information indicates that the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure proposes that the statutory language “be strengthened to more specifically define the scope of academic freedom and to affirm the freedom of the University of Illinois’ academic staff to teach, conduct research, and participate in faculty governance and civic discourse without interference.”

The UIUC Senate document is enclosed for the consideration of your senates. Please report back after your senate has taken action on this item.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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