

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Resolution Regarding Campus Land Use Plans
[as amended]

WHEREAS Southern Illinois University's Mission Statement states that SIUC "is a major public higher education institution dedicated to quality academic endeavors in teaching and research;" and

WHEREAS the SIUC campus has long had a shortage of modern classroom facilities; and

WHEREAS the 2001 Land Use Master Plan, which is current SIU Board of Trustees policy, sought to address the classroom shortage by giving high priority to the construction of academic buildings; and

WHEREAS current plans to build a student services building and a new football stadium before building a new classroom building are not consistent with this policy; and

WHEREAS the current proposal to fund such construction facilities by increasing student fees over the next several years will increase the financial burden on all students; and

WHEREAS current plans which prioritize the sequencing of athletics over classroom facilities are contrary to SIUC's stated educational mission;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate urges the Chancellor, the President, and the Board of Trustees to work closely with faculty, students, and other constituency groups to implement the Land Use Master Plan in a manner consistent with SIUC's mission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the construction of new classroom and academic buildings be given priority over the construction of a new football stadium; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SIUC seek alternative sources of funding, other than increases in student fees, for such developments.

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