

FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

***Resolution Urging the University Administration
to Issue a Clear Policy Statement in Opposition to
Confiscation of Film and Similar Property
[as amended]***

WHEREAS the SIUC Police, without warrant, recently confiscated film from the camera of a photojournalism student after he had taken photos of an arrest being made on a public street; and

WHEREAS SIU is a university that values and defends fundamental rights of free speech and protection against unwarranted searches and seizures; and

WHEREAS the Faculty have an interest in providing a learning environment free from coercion and intimidation; and

WHEREAS the Administration has turned over the investigation of the confiscation incident to the Illinois Executive Inspector General;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate expresses concern over the confiscation of a student's property by the SIUC Campus Police and pledges full support for the efforts of the Inspector General's office in its investigation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate urges the University Administration to issue a clear statement of policy to the effect that SIUC does not condone or support the confiscation of film, videotape, audiotape or similar private possessions from students by any of its employees without a legal warrant.

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