

*A resolution for passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Council on Tuesday,  
November 4, 2014:*

**VOTING PRIVILEGES FOR SIU STUDENT TRUSTEES**

WHEREAS, the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) is the recognized governing and representative body of all graduate and professional students at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and

WHEREAS, the students of SIU Carbondale and SIU Edwardsville each elect a Student Trustee to serve on the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees (BOT) to represent the interests and opinions of students on their respective campuses, and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Illinois designates one of the two elected Student Trustees to serve as a voting member for a one-year term, according to Section 2 of the Charter of the SIU Board of Trustees<sup>1</sup>, and

WHEREAS, as of November 4, 2014 (the date of the first reading of this resolution) the Governor has not yet designated either the SIU Carbondale or SIU Edwardsville Student Trustee to serve as a voting BOT member for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, and

WHEREAS, GPSC believes that a defined and transparent process should be implemented for choosing which elected Student Trustee will be a voting BOT member;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Graduate and Professional Student Council supports the development and implementation of a defined and transparent process for the Governor of the State of Illinois to select which Student Trustee is granted voting privileges each year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Graduate and Professional Student Council recommends that the Governor alternates voting privileges every year between the SIU Carbondale and SIU Edwardsville Student Trustees or that the Governor permanently appoints both Student Trustees as voting BOT members.

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<sup>1</sup> Charter of the SIU Board of Trustees: <http://bot.siu.edu/leg/charter.html#2>