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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

PRE-FILED RESOLUTION

(Final; Action)

RS.26.01 Resolution to Reject the Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education

WHEREAS the United States Secretary of Education has requested that American colleges and universities enter into a "[Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education](#);"

WHEREAS the "Compact" contains provisions antithetical to the missions and traditions of the public, land-grant universities;

WHEREAS the "Compact" violates long-standing legal decisions regarding the First and Fourteenth Amendments, and violates the Unconstitutional Conditions Doctrine of the Supreme Court of the United States;

WHEREAS the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign stands for American academic values of the highest standard, including the universal rights to both free speech and academic freedom;

WHEREAS the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate previously resolved in [RS.25.01](#) to call on the President of the University of Illinois System and the Chancellor of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to join and take any necessary steps to establish a Mutual Academic Defense Compact (MADC) with groups of our partner institutions and coalitions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate firmly opposes the "Compact;"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate stands in solidarity with faculty, students, and staff at other institutions rejecting the "Compact;"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate calls on Chancellor Isbell, President Killeen, and the Board of Trustees to continue to reject calls to join the "Compact" and any similar compacts that compromise the mission, values, and independence of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate calls on senators at University of Illinois System campuses -- University of Illinois Chicago and University of Illinois Springfield -- to work toward similar resolutions to join us in rejecting this compact.

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