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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY STATUTES AND SENATE PROCEDURES
(Final; Action)

EP.25.072 Illinois Student Council Resolution Calling on the Senate to Release Data
Pertaining to Grade Distributions

BACKGROUND

The Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EP) has reviewed resolution RES.24-25.006, “Calling on the Registrar to Release Certain Data” (attached) from the Student Congress of the Illinois Student Council. The resolution calls on the Office of the Registrar to make information on the distribution of grades in courses at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign public that is currently made public through annual requests under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

RECOMMENDATION

Given that this information is already public, cannot be legally withheld, and commonly released by peer institutions, EP endorses this request subject to continued review and maintenance of student privacy protections that ensure that personally identifiable information cannot be inferred from the released information.

As these protections touch on legal requirements, we will not enumerate them here and leave the specifics to the appropriate University and state offices, but they may include withholding information on courses below a minimum size threshold or courses where all students receive the same grade.

EDUCATIONAL POLICY
Nolan Miller, Chair

1 RES.24-25.006
2 FEBRUARY 20, 2025
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STUDENT CONGRESS OF ILLINOIS STUDENT COUNCIL

4 CALLING ON THE REGISTRAR TO RELEASE CERTAIN DATA
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6 AUTHOR(S): Representative Carter Blount

7 ENDORSEMENTS(S):
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9 WHEREAS, data pertaining to grade distributions given by each class at the University of Illinois
10 Urbana-Champaign is not legally confidential; and
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12 WHEREAS, some outside entities already make semesterly Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
13 requests to acquire this data; and
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15 WHEREAS, grade disparity data is of valid interest to students when registering for their classes,
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17 LET IT BE RESOLVED, that upon passage by the Student Congress and signature of the Student Body
18 President, the Illinois Student Council and all endorsing parties call on the Office
19 of the Registrar to authorize the release of data listed in §9-10 from the Division
20 of Management Information to the Illinois Student Council to be publicly
21 displayed.