

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
Committee on Educational Policy
Report Recommending Action on a Resolution

EP.16.90: Report from EPC on Resolution RS.16.03, Campus Senate Recommendation to University of Illinois Regarding Advanced Placement Credit

NATURE OF REFERRAL

The Committee on Educational Policy (EPC) received RS.16.03 on referral from the Senate Executive Committee under Standing Rule 14. EPC is responsible for making a recommendation on the adoption of the resolution.

RECOMMENDATION ON THE RESOLUTION AS REFERRED

EPC recommends that RS.16.03 be postponed indefinitely.¹ The committee concluded that retrospective application of the 2016-2017 policy to Fall 2015 admissions is inappropriate, noting the following:

- Retrospective application is contrary to longstanding campus precedent and the practice of our sister campuses. Retrospective application is also not required under the law. Adoption of RS.16.03 could set a new precedent with negative consequences, especially if retrospective application of future changes in laws and regulations were to have a negative impact on a majority of students.
- Advanced Placement credit is first and foremost about subject matter proficiency and credit is not simply an entitlement on the basis of financial savings.
- A simple retrospective application of the 2016-2017 credit policy would cause some students to lose credit. Any revised one-time process to mitigate this loss, such as the process outlined in the amendment to RS.16.03 received from the Illinois Student Senate, is administratively burdensome.

¹ An affirmative vote to postpone indefinitely has the same effect as a negative vote on adoption of a main motion. The motion to postpone indefinitely is desirable when adoption of a main motion would be problematic to carry out. In the case of RS.16.03, EPC found support for indefinite postponement as well as a recommendation to fail outright. A straw poll of the voting members found 6 in favor of indefinite postponement and 5 in favor of a recommendation to fail outright. Notwithstanding this division on the precise recommended action, there was no dissent within EPC on the ultimate outcome for RS.16.03, that the resolution not be implemented.