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***RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SHARED GOVERNANCE***

WHEREAS, we, the members of Illinois State University’s Academic Senate, recognize that higher education represents a process of complex decision-making that necessitates valuing contributions from stakeholders who possess various patterns of expertise, experiences, and perspectives, and

WHEREAS, we believe that our university’s motto of “Gladly We Learn and Teach” represents an expression of mutuality in a cooperative and compassionate community, and that we apply this motto in our administrative and governance processes as well as in our classrooms, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that groups and individuals deliberately working to consolidate political power have marginalized and/or eliminated shared governance in higher education institutions in other regions of the United States, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for all stakeholders to reaffirm their commitment to shared governance,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we are committed to the preservation of shared governance.

BE IT RESOLVED, that we support our colleagues at other institutions and we affirm their right and responsibility to engage in processes of shared governance.

BE IT RESOLVED, that we resist forces of falsehood and injustice that disrupt the essence of higher education and its pursuit of knowledge for the greater good.

*Adopted by the Academic Senate of Illinois State University on October 8, 2025.*