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SENATE OF THE ILLINOIS STUDENT GOVERNMENT
4th ASSEMBLY

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SPONSOR(S):

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Kingfisher Mascot Task Force

WHEREAS, The Illinois Student Government is committed to advocacy on behalf of the student body; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has been - by inaction - noncommittal to the continued retirement of Chief Illiniwek in 2007; and,

WHEREAS, in 2019, Student Spencer Hulsey created and proposed a new mascot idea called "The Kingfisher", a native, predatory bird of Illinois naturally true to the orange and blue; and,

WHEREAS, the Senate strongly supported the Kingfisher referendum question with a vote of 41-0-1 and a referendum posed to the student body at-large passed on a vote of 4,222-3,597; and,

WHEREAS, upon the passing of the Kingfisher referendum, Chancellor Jones stated that the referendum was non-binding and there were no plans to implement a new mascot; and,

WHEREAS, negotiations with administration to further the adoption of the Kingfisher as a new mascot will take a concerted effort from the Illinois Student Government;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Kingfisher Mascot Task Force is hereby established within the Senate; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dana Yun be appointed as chair of this task force; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, membership on this task force will remain open to all members of the Third Assembly throughout the duration of this task force; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall be focus on the following:

1. Establishing and continuing ISG support for the Kingfisher
2. Creating plans to negotiate with administration and other University stakeholders on the adoption of the Kingfisher
3. Spreading awareness to students about the possibility of the Kingfisher as a mascot
4. Designing and working on the adaptation of the Kingfisher concept