WHEREAS there is a clear demand in the state and nationally for an undergraduate degree that prepares students for careers in fermentation-related sciences, a rapidly growing industry; and

WHEREAS there are only a few undergraduate programs in the nation producing fermentation scientists, and none in the state of Illinois; and

WHEREAS the proposed program, to be housed within the Fermentation Science Institute, is interdisciplinary and has support from the College of Science and the College of Agricultural Sciences, and a large majority of the faculty in the affected units voted in support of the proposal; and

WHEREAS the degree program will be managed and supported by the Fermentation Science Institute, and no additional resources are requested;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate recommends approval of the NUI for the proposed Bachelor of Science degree in Fermentation Science, Fermentation Science Institute.

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