Board Meeting January 23, 2025

# CHANGES IN SENATE BYLAWS, SPRINGFIELD

**(Report for Information)**

The University of Illinois *Statutes* provide that changes in Senate bylaws are reported to the Board of Trustees. The proposed changes to the University of Illinois Springfield Campus Senate Bylaws are attached. The proposed revision to the UIS Campus Senate Bylaws (RESOLUTION 54-06) is in regards to the appointment of representatives to the IBHE Faculty Advisory council.

The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System, and the executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs concur with the recommended changes in the bylaws.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends receipt of the bylaw changes.

Deletions are ~~strikethrough~~

Additions are ***bolded, underlined and italicized***

Approved

Campus Senate Meeting October 25, 2024

# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD CAMPUS SENATE AY 2023/2024 RESOLUTION 54-06

## Revisions to the University of Illinois at Springfield Campus Senate Bylaws Regarding Appointment of Representatives to the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council

**Whereas** the Faculty Advisory Council to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE Faculty Advisory Council) was approved by the IBHE in its present form in 1971; and

**Whereas** the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council is a representative group of faculty from colleges and universities in the State of Illinois, on which each of the 12 public universities is represented continuously; and

**Whereas** the bylaws of the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council specify that the “term of an individual member… representing a senior public university is four years” and that representatives “may be appointed for subsequent terms”; and

**Whereas** the bylaws of the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council further specify that each

“eligible institution’s faculty senate, council or comparable faculty body shall select a representative from among the faculty” and that the same body “may select an alternate to replace its representative who cannot attend a meeting or continue to serve”; and

**Whereas** the bylaws of the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council also specify that in the case of representatives of the twelve public universities, which are continuously represented on the IBHE FAC, if “an institution’s representative leaves in the middle of the term, the incoming representative will serve a full term and not merely the rest of the term”; and

**Whereas** University of Illinois at Springfield Campus Senate Bylaws are not in alignment with the bylaws of the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council, which has led to irregularities in the appointment of UIS representatives to this body; and

**Whereas** University of Illinois at Springfield Campus Senate generally issues an open call for nominations to all faculty before appointing faculty to committees, and an open call will contribute to faculty awareness of and participation in the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council;

**Therefore, be it resolved** the University of Illinois at Springfield Campus Senate approve the following changes to the Campus Senate Bylaws; and

**Therefore, be it further resolved** that, to bring University of Illinois at Springfield practice into line with other participating institutions, these changes shall apply to the terms of University of Illinois at Springfield representatives to the IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee appointed by University of Illinois at Springfield Campus Senate on October 11, 2024.

# ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SENATE

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## Senate Representatives to Outside Bodies

The Senate may establish representatives to other bodies as it sees fit. The representatives established, their duties and responsibilities, their method of selection, and their terms of office shall be specified in these Bylaws.

* 1. Faculty Representatives on the University Senates Conference

Faculty representatives on the University Senates Conference shall be elected from the Faculty representatives of the Senate. Senates Conference representatives shall serve three-year terms and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. Initial appointments shall be made from the membership of the Senate but the individual appointed may complete a term of office which extends beyond his or her Senate term and may be reappointed. It shall be the task of each representative to represent UIS and, when instructed, the will of the Senate and to report to the Senate on a regular basis.

* 1. Faculty Representative to the IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee

The ***Senate shall appoint a*** faculty representative to the IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee ***and may also appoint an alternate to serve in the event the representative cannot attend a meeting*** ~~shall be appointed by the Chair of the Senate~~. ~~He or she~~ ***The Committee on Committees shall conduct an open call for nominations from among the faculty and recommend a slate for Senate approval. The representative and any alternate*** shall serve ~~three~~***four***-year terms and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. ***If the representative is for any reason unable to complete their term, a new representative shall be appointed by the Senate and will serve a full four-year term.*** It shall be the task of the representative to represent UIS and, when instructed, the will of the Senate and to report to the Senate on a regular basis.