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**REVISED 7/27/2023 by secretary to conform to 11/12/2020 *Statutes* revisions; additions in bold underline and deletions noted with strikethrough.**

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# AMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS STATUTES

**Action:** Amend the University of Illinois *Statutes*

**Funding**: No New Funding Required

In May 2021, the University Senates Conference (USC) forwarded three proposed changes to the University *Statutes*. These were originally held because a group of faculty members were working with the executive vice president (EVP) on a larger set of changes to bring the *Statutes* into alignment with current practice. The three universities are reviewing the larger set of proposed changes, but the process is expected to take another several months., Itis no longer warranted to delay action by the Board of Trustees on the proposed changes contained in ST-84, ST-85, and ST-86.

Pursuant to Article XIII Section 8(b) of the University *Statutes*, the attached three drafts contain the senates’ proposed changes (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~with a strikethrough~~) to the *Statutes*.

The process of discussion and endorsement has benefitted from involvement with the group of faculty members convened by the EVP and the proposed changes have been discussed at length with EVP and the Office of University Counsel. Collectively, President Killeen, EVP Jones, and the Office of University Counsel endorse these changes. Aligned with our shared governance model, wherein the University governing documents are updated, and the universities and system are adhering to policies and procedures already in place, the following three proposed revisions are being transmitted to the Board.

1. ST-84 proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article VIII, Section 4 – Change in Existing Units.

The proposed revisions would expand Article VIII, Section 4 to include three subsections. Subsection a. includes minor edits to existing language. The new subsection b. would provide eponymic renaming of existing units and Subsection c. no revisions but listed as new subsection.

1. ST-85 proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article X, Section 1 (Tenure of Academic Staff) (a) 6 and 7 – to permit the use of five-year appointments for non-tenure track faculty.

The proposed change would increase the maximum length of appointment for non-tenure track faculty from three years to five years.

1. ST-86 proposed revisions to the *Statutes*, Article III Sections 3 and 5, and Article VI - Dean, Director, or **Campus** **University** Librarian.

The proposed change has been approved for identical statutory language by the three universities, and would establish a process for initial appointment of a dean, director, or **campus** **university** librarian. Currently the *Statutes* only provide for a process to seek advice for reappointment of these positions, and this change would provide a process for input from the college faculty on the initial appointment as well as any future reappointments.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The changes to the *Statutes* and *General Rules* have the support of the executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs, the university Senates, and the USC.

The president of the University of Illinois System recommends approval.