

CHANGES IN SENATE BYLAWS  
(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 are attached. The proposed revisions to the UIS Campus Senate Bylaws, Article VI, Section 2 (O): Standing Committees of the Campus Senate, Committee on Sustainability reflect that the University of Illinois at Springfield Campus Senate amends its bylaws to modify the membership of the Committee on Sustainability to add the Supervisor of the Campus Sustainability Project Coordinators.

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

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield, and Vice President, University of Illinois and the Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concur with the recommended changes in the bylaws.

The President of the University recommends receipt of the bylaw changes.

Approved  
Campus Senate Meeting  
November 20, 2020

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD  
CAMPUS SENATE AY 2020/2021  
RESOLUTION 50-11**

**Amend UIS Campus Senate Bylaws to Change Voting Membership  
of the Committee on Sustainability**

**WHEREAS**, the UIS Campus Senate in 2008 established a standing Committee on Sustainability to “provide leadership for sustainability issues on the UIS campus and in other communities... provide educational outreach to the campus and other communities on issues of sustainability [and to]...study sustainability issues related to the campus and make recommendations to the appropriate body (the administration and/or the Campus Senate) to improve sustainable practices”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee on Sustainability partnered with the Student Government Association to lobby for the creation of a student-led Green Fee Committee (GFC) funded through a new student green fee ratified by the student body; and

**WHEREAS**, the green fee funds two student worker positions (Campus Sustainability Projects Coordinators) who take an active role in planning, budgeting, and implementing green fee projects and are supervised by a faculty or staff member; and

**WHEREAS**, close coordination with the GFC through regular communication with the Supervisor of the Campus Sustainability Projects Coordinators is important to the Committee on Sustainability in its leadership role in campus sustainability and outreach efforts;

**WHEREAS**, the Committee judges that the linkage between the Green Fee Committee and the Committee on Sustainability should be formalized by including the Supervisor of the student Campus Sustainability Projects Coordinators as a voting member of the Committee;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Campus Senate of the University of Illinois at Springfield amends its bylaws to modify the membership of the Committee on Sustainability as follows:

[Text to be added is underlined]

**2. Standing Committees of the Campus Senate**

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## O. Committee on Sustainability

### 1) Purpose of the Committee.

The Committee shall provide leadership for sustainability issues on the UIS campus and in other communities. Sustainability refers to practices designed to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It encompasses teaching, research, and practice in a variety of areas including but not limited to policy development, building design and construction, waste management and recycling, energy production and use, water use, and transportation.

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### 2) Membership and Terms

The Committee shall consist of five at-large faculty representatives, no more than two of whom may be from the same college; one academic professional selected by APAC; one civil service staff member selected by CSAC; one student selected by the Student Government Association; the Associate Vice-Chancellor for Undergraduate Education or designee; the Director of Facilities Service; and the Supervisor of the Campus Sustainability Projects Coordinators. Ex-officio members are the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or designee, and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Administrative Services or designee.

Faculty shall serve three-year, staggered terms (initially 2 terms to expire the first year, 2 terms the second year, and 1 term the third year). The student member shall serve a one year term.

#### Background and rationale:

The Campus Senate Committee on Sustainability (CoS) facilitates various sustainability initiatives and programming on the UIS campus in lieu of a Department of Sustainability. Representation from Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Student units allows for links across campus entities that might otherwise not be formed. In recent years, CoS has experienced growth in its campus reach through its partnership with the Student Government Association in successfully lobbying for the creation of a student-led Green Fee Committee (GFC), funded through a new student green fee. The fee was ratified by the student body and led to the creation of the GFC to oversee the use of these funds in campus-wide sustainability projects, largely emanating from the students themselves. While the CoS does not have direct oversight of the GFC processes, it does appoint the students who form the majority of the committee, as

well as appointing two faculty as voting members. The green fee funds two student worker positions (Campus Sustainability Coordinators), who take an active role in planning, budgeting, and implementing the approved projects. These students are supervised by a faculty or staff member, who is expected to attend monthly CoS meetings and keep that body apprised of the work of the GFC. In previous years, the specific supervisor has also been a Faculty-at-Large voting member of the CoS. This connection is not mandated, however, and the current appointment of five Faculty-at-Large members prohibits that same supervisor from now being a voting member of the committee. The CoS and GFC operate in tandem and often inform the work of each other, and the Sustainability Coordinators' supervisor plays an intrinsic role in keeping the operations running smoothly as the primary non-student liaison between the two.

Because of the necessary ties between the GFC and CoS, and the lack of a centralized Department of Sustainability, the CoS believes that we need to enlarge the body in order to formalize the linkage between the two committees. On Friday, September 18, 2020, the CoS ratified the amendment to the bylaws to add the supervisor of the student Campus Sustainability Coordinators as a voting member of the Committee.