**Academic Senate Rules Committee**

**Illinois State University**

**02/22/2023**

**Minutes**

**Roll Call:**

* Senator Craig Blum
* Senator Zoe Smith
* Senator Nate Rardin
* Senator Angela Bonnell
* Senator John McHale
* ~~Senator Jayden Wilburn~~
* Senator Bahae Samhan
* ~~Senator Gabriel Gudding~~
* Senator Benjamin Schmeiser
* Senator Duffy
* ~~Provost Designee Craig Gatto~~

**Absences:**

**Meeting called to order at 6:03**

**Public Comment**

* No public comment

**Approval of the Minutes**

* Motion to approve February 8th minutes by Senator Schmeiser
* Motion seconded by Senator Smith
* Motion carried unanimously.

**On the Graduate Council Bylaws**

* Updates by Senator Blum on the changes since last meeting
  + The Graduate School has edited the language of Article IV section 3 to read “Actively served on master's theses and/or doctoral dissertations as a committee member, or supervised non-thesis/dissertation culminating experiences/exit options of a graduate program in the last 3 years; or demonstrated ability to mentor students on culminating projects based on department/school standards.”
  + In general, the current state of the bylaws includes previous suggestions and proposals by the committee
* Motion to approve the Graduate Council bylaws by Senator Bonnell
* Motion seconded by Senator Rardin

**On Senate Bylaws Article III Section 5 (Absence policy)**

* Updates by Senator Blum on the changes since last meeting
  + Academic Senate absence policy only applies to student senators with respect to Academic Senate meetings and *not* with respect to Student Government Association general meetings or other Student Government Association business
  + Language refined to clarify that the “vacancies shall be certified by the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate”

**On Senate Bylaws Article VI**

* Updates by Senator Blum on the changes since last meeting
  + Section 6.I
    - Language added that “Senators are encouraged to notify committee chairs of absences.”
    - Language added to mirror Article III Section 5 that “All Academic Senate absence bylaws that apply to Student Senators apply only for Academic Senate meeting obligations, and not to other SGA meetings or bodies where SGA sets its own bylaws”
    - Language added to mirror Article III Section 5 that “Academic obligation and unique circumstances may be considered before the Executive Committee certifies the senate seat is vacated.”
  + Section 6.J
    - Language modified to read “Chairpersons of committees shall report all vacancies on their respective committees to the Chairperson of the Academic Senate within ten (10) business days of receiving notification of the vacancy.”
  + Section 6.R
    - Subcommittee editorial changes reverted to original language because of the potential for legal and constitutional issues.
  + Section 8.A
    - “Economic Well-Being Committee” was removed as the committee has not existed in recent years, and situations for which the committee would need to be instantiated would more easily be covered by the creation of a temporary committee for that purpose.
* Question by Senator Smith regarding a comment by Chairperson Horst on the document: “This is a substantial change…. Requires conversations with SGA.”
  + The comment was in reference to deleted language which is a remnant of conversations earlier in the year to remove SGA’s internal committee status. It has since been removed as that is no longer a change being made in the document.

**On Senate Bylaws Appendix II**

* Updates by Senator Blum on the changes since last meeting
  + College of Engineering has been added to the list of colleges for the purpose of representation
* Motion to approve by Senator McHale
* Seconded by Senator Schmeiser
* Approved unanimously

**Adjournment**

* Motion to adjourn at 6:56 by Senator McHale
* Seconded by Senator Rardin
* Approved unanimously
* **Meeting adjourned at 6:57**