**Academic Senate Rules Committee**

**Illinois State University**

**2/19/2025**

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 6:08

**Attendance:**

* Senator John McHale
* Senator Rick Valentin
* Senator Tom Hammond
* ~~Senator Nesrin Ozalp~~
* Senator Greg Braswell
* Senator Mitchell Ruffin
* Senator Braden Beasley
* Senator Alondra Zagal
* Provost Rep Sue Hildebrandt
* ~~Senator Cayson Jones~~

Absences: 2

**Public Speakers:**

* None

**Approval of 1/22/2025 minutes:**

* Motion: Beasley
* Second: Braswell
* Passed

**Agenda:**

SAR #033: Update CTE Bylaws in Appendix II

* [CTE Bylaws Final Draft Revised](https://illinoisstateuniversity.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/RulesCommittee/Shared%20Documents/2024-2025%20Rules%20Committee/SAR033%20Update%20CTE%20Bylaws%20in%20Appendix%20II/CTE%20Bylaws_FinalDraftRevised%202024.10.29%20General%20Counsel%20Notes%201.24.25.docx?d=w8ad970e716874ab79ea02d66b9ace387&csf=1&web=1&e=Zn13vD)
  + Some minor grammar adjustments
    - Proper noun “Dean” instead of “dean”
    - Some double spaces
  + Other word choice adjustments to be more clear
* Motion to approve the changes
  + First: Hildebrandt
  + Second: Hammond
  + Passed

SAR #0177: Review and Approval of Athletics Council Bylaw Updates.

* [Athletics Council Bylaws Updates](https://illinoisstateuniversity.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/RulesCommittee/Shared%20Documents/2024-2025%20Rules%20Committee/SAR177%20Review%20and%20Approval%20of%20Athletics%20Council%20Bylaw%20Updates/ATHLETICS%20COUNCIL%20BYLAWS%20Rules%2002.05.25.docx?d=w752b26040d494420a4953de56ef235a0&csf=1&web=1&e=H3Twea)
  + Request to pause vote on governance issues due to recent executive orders and waiting for updates to be provided
  + Hildebrandt: “dear colleague” letters are not law and should not be treated as such
  + Valentin: We do not vote to approve bylaws, so the approach we will take is to simply review and forward it to the executive committee and go from there
  + Hildebrandt: Governance would also apply to all Senate meetings and committee meetings. Halting all governance would set a dangerous precedent
  + Moving to review of the bylaws
  + Valentin: Not college bylaws, but for an external committee
  + Questions regarding the reference to the University Policy Committee
  + Understanding if Senior Woman Administrator an official position or regarding a woman administrator with seniority (been in that position for a number of years)
  + Hammond: The senior woman administrator is the highest-ranking female in each NCAA athletics department or conference office
  + Hammond: Vague language regarding number of liaison positions and their optionality
    - Valentin: Liaison are non-voting additional staff assigned by director as needed
    - Additional definition in subcommittee bylaws that clarifies their role
  + Hammond: Are staggered terms initiated or maintained?
    - Suggested potential options to strike “staggered” from the bylaw or to clarify the use of the term
  + Hammond: Are consecutive terms unlimited at all? Language needs to be specified
    - Most likely two terms
    - “Consecutive” is not limited to two in language
    - Word appears four times throughout document; all need to be addressed
  + Valentin: Bylaws for public comment waiting approval during senate meeting
  + Valentin: Removing the specificity of inviting the president and clearing up the terminology of “governing board”
  + Hammond: Restructuring the list of committees under section III
  + Note by Pickett about the referencing of all non-executive committees as if they are subcommittees
    - Valentin: Added language clarifies this
  + Valentin: Questioning the removal of III.A.5
    - Clarification needed for why it was removed
    - Hammond: Responsibility moved to Council Chairperson in section II.A
  + Valentin: removing “the situation when” in III.B.2
    - Makes the language less clear
    - “Review the Athletics Department policies, procedures, and/or flow charts, should non-compliance with NCAA regulations occurs.”
  + Inquiries will be sent back to athletics council

**Adjournment:**

Motion: Zagal

Second: McHale

Meeting adjourned at 6:53