**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/%3Aw%3A/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/%3Aw%3A/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