UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD
CAMPUS SENATE AY 2010/2011
RESOLUTION 40-13

Amendment to the UIS Campus Senate Bylaws – Creation of Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure as a Standing Committee

WHEREAS the University Statutes Article X defines tenure of academic staff and principles of academic freedom as well as establishes related rules of procedure; and

WHEREAS according to the Statutes Article X, Section 2, Paragraph d, “[a] staff member who believes that he or she does not enjoy the academic freedom which it is the policy of the University to maintain and encourage shall be entitled to a hearing on written request before the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure of the appropriate campus senate”; and

WHEREAS both Chicago and Urbana campuses each have Committees on Academic Freedom and Tenure as standing senate committees; and

WHEREAS the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee at UIS has always been a committee under the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; and

WHEREAS the Springfield campus should establish the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure as a standing senate committee in compliance with the University Statutes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the University of Illinois at Springfield Campus Senate approve the creation of Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure as a standing committee.

A. COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND TENURE

(1) Duties

The Committee shall serve as an authorized faculty group to safeguard the academic freedom of the faculty and tenure status. The Committee shall conduct hearings in cases involving dismissal of tenured faculty, as provided in the University Statutes, may investigate instances of possible infringement of academic freedom
and hear cases involving allegations of such infringement of any faculty, and may make such recommendations to the Chancellor and reports to the Senate as are appropriate.

(2) Membership and Terms

The Committee shall consist of five tenured faculty members whose administrative duties are below the level of Associate Deans and Directors, with no more than two faculty members from any one college, department, or similar unit. Faculty members shall be appointed to three-year terms and may be reappointed at the discretion of the Campus Senate. So that the faculty appointments of the initial committee will be staggered, two shall have two-year terms and three shall have three-year terms.