UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD
CAMPUS SENATE AY 2008/2009
RESOLUTION 38-17

Proposed Revisions to the Statutes, Article VIII,
Changes in Academic Organization [ST-66]

WHEREAS, the Campus Senate of the University of Illinois at Springfield approved a Resolution 38-7 on “Proposed Revisions to the Statutes, Article VIII, Changes in Academic Organization” that inadvertently omitted one sentence;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Campus Senate of the University of Illinois at Springfield hereby approve the corrected version of the “Proposed Revisions to the Statutes, Article VIII, Changes in Academic Organization.”
UIS PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE STATUTES, ARTICLE VIII

ARTICLE VIII, CHANGES IN ACADEMIC ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Definitions.

a. Unit. A unit is a division of the University to which academic appointments can be made and to which resources can be allocated, including departments or similar units, centers, institutes, schools, and colleges.

b. Tenure Home. A tenure home is an academic unit (a) whose academic staff includes the group eligible to vote on promotion and tenure decisions within the unit; and (b) that provides the unit-specific standards that, in compliance with higher-level standards, apply for promotion and tenure decisions for a member of the academic staff with the rank or title of professor, associate professor, or assistant professor who is tenured or receiving probationary credit toward tenure.

Section 2. Appointment of Faculty to Units

A member of the academic staff with the rank or title of professor, associate professor, or assistant professor who is tenured or receiving probationary credit toward tenure must have a tenure home that has been approved through the procedures in Article VIII, Section 3a through 3c, below. A faculty member may have a tenure home in more than one academic unit, but must have a tenure home in at least one academic unit.

If any member of a proposed or existing unit’s academic staff with the rank or title of professor, associate professor, or assistant professor who is tenured or receiving probationary credit toward tenure does not already have or will not otherwise have an appointment in one of the following types of units:

i. another department or similar academic unit that has been approved through these Article VIII procedures;

ii. an intermediate unit that is not divided into departments or similar units and that has been approved through these Article VIII procedures; or

iii. a school or college that is not an intermediate unit, that is not further divided into academic departments or similar units and that has been approved through these Article VIII procedures;

then formation of the proposed unit as, or conversion of the existing unit into, a unit that may provide a tenure home must be approved through the procedures in Article VIII, Section 3a through 3c, below, as applicable.
Any change in academic organization such as the termination, separation, transfer, merger, change in status (e.g., department to school), or renaming of an academic unit to which are made appointments of faculty with the rank or title of professor, associate professor, or assistant professor who are tenured or receiving probationary credit toward tenure must be approved through the procedures in Article VIII, Section 4, below.

If all members of a proposed or existing unit’s academic staff with the rank or title of professor, associate professor, or assistant professor who are tenured or receiving probationary credit toward tenure do have or will have an appointment in another unit that is described within items (i) through (iii), above, then formation or change of organization of the proposed or existing unit is not required to be approved through the procedures in Article VIII, Sections 3 and 4, below, but may be approved through the procedure in Section 5, below.

Section 1 [1] 3. Formation of New Units

a. Departments. The formation of a new department or similar academic unit within a school or college may be proposed by the faculty or executive officer of that school or college. The president shall submit the proposal for the new unit together with the advice of the faculty of the school or college of each higher unit, taken and recorded by a vote of the faculty by secret written ballot in accordance with the bylaws of that unit, of the appropriate senate, taken and recorded by a vote of the senate, [and] of the appropriate chancellor, and of the University Senates Conference to the Board of Trustees for action.

b. Intermediate Units. An academic unit of intermediate character, such as a school organized within a college, may be proposed by the faculty or the executive officer of the higher unit. The president shall submit the proposal for the intermediate unit together with the advice of the higher unit, taken and recorded by a vote of the faculty by secret written ballot in accordance with the bylaws of that unit, of the appropriate senate, taken and recorded by a vote of the senate, [and] of the appropriate chancellor, and of the University Senates Conference to the Board of Trustees for action.

c. Colleges and Independently Organized Campus Units. A college or other independently organized campus unit, such as a school, institute, center, or similar campus unit not within a school or college, may be proposed by the appropriate senate or chancellor. The president shall submit the proposal for the unit together with the advice of the appropriate senate, taken and recorded by a vote of the senate, [and] of the appropriate chancellor, and of the University Senates Conference to the Board of Trustees for action.
d. Units Organized at the University Level. Units organized at the university level, such as institutes, councils, and divisions, may be formed for the development and operation of teaching, research, extension, and service programs which are statewide or intercampus in their scope and which cannot be developed under a campus administration. Such an organization may be proposed by a senate, a chancellor, the University Senates Conference, or the president. The president shall submit the proposal for the new organization together with the advice of the appropriate senates, taken and recorded by a vote of each such senate, and of the appropriate chancellors, of the University Senates Conference to the Board of Trustees for action.

e. Campuses. The formation of a new campus may be proposed by the president, by a senate, or by the University Senates Conference. The president shall submit the proposal for the new campus together with the advice of the senates, taken and recorded by a vote of each senate, and of the chancellors, and of the University Senates Conference to the Board of Trustees for action. If the proposal is adopted, the University Senates Conference shall serve as an advisory body to the president in developing procedures to implement the action of the board.

Section [2] 4. Changes in Existing Units
From time to time, circumstances will favor changes in academic organization such as the termination, separation, transfer, merger, change in status (e.g., department to school), or renaming of the academic formation of such a unit, except that the proposal may originate in the unit(s) or at any higher units specified in Section 1. The procedures for the various changes shall be the same as those specified for formation of such a unit, except that the proposal may originate in the unit(s) or at any higher administrative level. The advice of each unit involved shall be requested taken and recorded by vote of the faculty by secret written ballot in accordance with the bylaws of that unit. For transfer, merger, separation, and change in status, the procedures shall be those applicable to the type of unit which would result. Units affected may communicate with the Board of Trustees in accordance with Article XIII, Section 4, of these Statutes.

Section [3] 5. Academic Units Not Requiring Board of Trustees Approval
Any proposal for creation or change in organization (such as termination, separation, transfer, merger, or change in status) of any unit engaged in academic activities the creation of which does not require Board of Trustees approval shall be referred to the executive committee of the campus senate for its information and advice prior to approval by the appropriate administrator. If the unit is not organized within one campus of the University, the proposal shall be referred to the
University Senates Conference rather than to a senate executive committee. Academic staff appointments in such units may not be made to ranks subject to the provisions of Article X, Section 1, governing appointments for an indefinite term as defined in Article IX, Section 3c.