UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD
CAMPUS SENATE AY 2009/2010
RESOLUTION 39-6

Changes to the UIS Campus Senate Bylaws – Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

WHEREAS the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee has been a Senate Standing Committee since 2002; and

WHEREAS UIS is in the process of becoming part of NCAA Division II; and

WHEREAS NCAA Division II recommends an Athletics Committee appointed by the Chancellor with a membership including representation from all stakeholders in the intercollegiate athletics program; and

WHEREAS the Chancellor agrees that there is no need to create an Athletics Committee that will duplicate the functions of Intercollegiate Athletics Committee; and

WHEREAS the Campus Senate should consider broadening the membership of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee to reflect the range of shareholders in UIS athletics;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the University of Illinois at Springfield Campus Senate approve the changes to the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee in the Senate Bylaws.

J. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Because the Chancellor and the Campus Senate recognize the primacy of educational integrity and the central role that faculty must
play in overseeing a successful intercollegiate sports program at UIS, the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (IAC) has duties and responsibilities to the faculty through the Senate and to the administration, including the Chancellor. Both the Chancellor and the Senate recognize that achieving educational integrity requires clear and frequent communication, transparency, and cooperation across organizational divisions and constituencies. The IAC is responsible to the Campus Senate for the intercollegiate athletic program as it pertains to the university’s academic and educational objectives as defined by the Senate. The IAC also serves as an advisory committee to the Chancellor and the Athletic Director on matters of budget and finance, personnel, and operational aspects of the intercollegiate athletics program.

(1) Duties

The IAC shall make recommendations to and advise the Senate on all campus programs, operations, and policies that are designed to assure academic integrity in intercollegiate athletics, including those which meet or exceed standards set by intercollegiate governing associations.

It shall provide advice on campus athletic needs, including the creation of new sports teams. It shall monitor compliance with state and federal law. It shall also review and recommend policy or procedures on student-athlete welfare issues such as the academic performance of students, including progress on degrees and graduation rates, summary statements from student-athlete exit interviews, personal conduct of student-athletes and other matters pertaining to athletic programs and personnel. It shall report to the Campus Senate at least once a year.

The Chancellor shall meet with the IAC at least once a semester.

The IAC shall provide advice to the administration on matters relating to the athletics budget, sports configuration, gender equity/Title IX, facilities, and fair and equitable treatment of women and other minorities. The committee will develop policies to promote the educational welfare of student athletes and monitor the implementation of such policies. In some cases, these policies can involve the physical welfare of student athletes. In cases of emergency or crisis, the Chancellor and/or Athletic Director shall inform the chair of the IAC and consult with the Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) and shall keep the chair of the IAC and FAR apprised of the situation and solutions as they unfold.
The Chancellor and the Athletic Director shall provide the IAC with the documents and reports necessary to execute its responsibilities, including but not limited to copies of the annual financial audit and other budget documents, EADA submissions, graduation and persistence rate reports, injury surveillance reports, medical hardship waiver requests, a summary of rules violations reported and a summary of any student-athlete reinstatement requests.

(2) Membership, Terms and Chair

The Committee shall consist of eight voting members, three non-voting members, and three ex-officio members. There will be five faculty voting members: four appointed by the Campus Senate as well as the campus FAR to the NCAA. The Student Government Association shall appoint one non-athlete student, who will be the voting member, to the committee. The Student Athlete Advisory Committee shall appoint one male athlete and one female athlete to the committee, and designate a voting member between them. One designee of the Chancellor will serve on the committee as a voting member. Also on the committee are two community members, which may include alumni, appointed by the Chancellor. None of the community members are voting members. Ex-officio members are the Athletic Director, Senior Woman Administrator, and Compliance Officer. Students and the community members shall have one-year terms. Faculty shall be appointed to staggered terms of one, two and three years, and members may be reappointed. A faculty member shall serve as the Chair of the Committee; the FAR will not be eligible for the position of Chair.

(3) Faculty Athletic Representative

The Chancellor and the chair of the Campus Senate shall jointly select a faculty member to serve a three-year term as the faculty athletic representative (FAR) to the NCAA. The FAR may be reappointed. During the third year of the term, the chair of the Campus Senate and the Chancellor shall conduct a joint evaluation of FAR in anticipation of reappointment. Resources such as non-instructional assignments and summer salary for the FAR shall be provided as agreed upon by the administration and the Campus Senate chair.