UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD
CAMPUS SENATE AY 2005/2006
RESOLUTION 35-2

Amendments to the By-laws
Creation of General Education Council

WHEREAS, the UIS Campus Senate has revised the general education requirements as of the fall of 2006 and that revised curriculum requires a shared-governance oversight structure;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Campus Senate of the University of Illinois at Springfield hereby amends the Campus Senate By-Laws to create a General Education Council as follows:

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SENATE

2. Standing Committees

C. The Undergraduate and Graduate Councils.

(15) General Education Council

The General Education Council (GEC) shall promote excellence in general education at UIS by facilitating development approval, and evaluation of courses; developing policies and rules for implementation of the curriculum; and recommending to the Undergraduate Council and the Campus Senate policy changes of the general education curriculum.

a. The General Education Council shall consist of nine voting members: eight faculty members and one student member; and, ex-officio, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Education, the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the Dean of the College of Public Affairs and Administration.
b. Faculty members shall include one Librarian, and seven faculty who are teaching or planning to teach in the general education curriculum. The faculty shall reflect the following components of the curriculum: Life Long Learning Skills requirements, including Social Sciences, Humanities, Communication, and Natural Sciences and Math; and the Engaged Citizenship Common Experience requirements, including Comparative Societies and Global Awareness, U.S. Communities, Ongoing Controversies, and Engagement.

In the event that a College has no faculty on the Council, a faculty member from that College, selected by the Senate, may serve ex-officio for a one year term.

As initial appointments, two faculty members shall serve one-year terms, three shall serve two-year terms, and three shall serve three-year terms. Thereafter, faculty shall serve three year-staggered terms. The student member will be appointed by the Student Government Association and serve a one-year term.

c. The Council shall elect its own faculty chairperson and develop its own by-laws and operating rules consistent with the revised general education curriculum approved by Senate Resolution 34-15 and with the by-laws of the Senate. The Council may, at its discretion, divide into subcommittees.

d. The Council will keep programs and advisors informed about general education requirements, policies, criteria for courses, and scheduling. The Council shall make an annual report to the Undergraduate Council and Senate which shall include a summary and evaluation of its activities and any recommendations for changes. In AY 2005-2006, the Council shall report to the Undergraduate Council and Senate no later than January and again in May about its progress.

e. To accommodate students admitted to UIS before the ECCE requirements are fully implemented, the General Education Subcommittee shall continue its work under the Senate by-laws through AY 2006-2007, working collaboratively with the General Education Council to make the transition from the current to the revised curriculum as effectively as possible. Thereafter, the General Education Subcommittee shall cease to exist. No later than January of 2007, the General Education Council shall, based on the goal of educational excellence, recommend to the Senate any changes to this transition.

f. UIS administration shall provide administrative support for the Council’s work.