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PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE *STATUTES*, ARTICLE II, SECTION 3 AND ARTICLE X, SECTION 2

ARTICLE II. LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATION

Section 3. Faculty Role in Governance

b. As the responsible body in the teaching, research, and scholarly activities of the University of Illinois System, the faculty has inherent interests and rights in academic policy and governance. As such, faculty members are encouraged to consider, review, analyze, critique, discuss, address, and debate academic policy and governance.

<u>c.</u> Each college or other academic unit shall be governed in its internal administration by its faculty, as defined in Section 3a (1) above. Governance of each academic unit shall be based on unit bylaws established and amended by the faculty of that unit. The bylaws shall provide for the administrative organization and procedure of the unit, including the composition and tenure of executive or advisory committees. Except that they may not conflict with these *Statutes*, or other specific actions of the Board of Trustees, or with the bylaws of a unit which encompasses it, the details of the bylaws are left to the faculty of the unit.

ARTICLE X. ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND TENURE

Section 2. Academic Freedom

a. It is the policy of the University of Illinois System to maintain and encourage full freedom, within the law, of inquiry, discourse, teaching, research, and publication and to protect any and all members of the academic staff against influences, from within or without the University of Illinois System, which would restrict the member's exercise of these freedoms in the member's area of scholarly interest. Academic Freedom includes the right to discuss and present scholarly opinions and conclusions both in and outside the classroom. The right to the protection of the University of Illinois System shall not, however, include any right to the services of the uUniversity eCounsel or the eCounsel's assistants in any governmental or judicial proceedings in which the academic freedom of the staff member may be in issue.

b. As a citizen, a faculty member A member of the academic staff may exercise the same freedoms as other citizens without institutional censorship, or discipline, or restraint. A faculty member of the academic staff should be mindful, however, that accuracy, forthrightness, and

dignity befit association with the <u>University system</u> and a person of learning and that the public may judge that person's profession and the <u>University system</u> by the individual's conduct and utterances.

- c. If, in the president's judgment, a faculty member of the academic staff exercises freedom of expression as a citizen and fails to heed the admonitions of Article X, Section 2b, the president may publicly disassociate the Board of Trustees and the University of Illinois System from, and express their disapproval of, such objectionable expressions.
- d. A staff member of the academic staff who believes that he or she does not enjoy the academic freedom, which it is the policy of the University of Illinois System 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 university senate. Such hearing shall be conducted in accordance with established rules of procedure. The committee shall make findings of facts and recommendations to the president and, at its discretion, may make an appropriate report to the senate. The several committees may from time to time establish their own rules of procedure.