

# Illini Union Board Constitution

## PREAMBLE

The Illini Union Board provides programs and services for faculty, staff, students, alumni, and guests of the University. While some of these programs are interest-specific in nature, all must reach out to diverse audiences and participants.

### I. NAME

- A. The name of this body shall be the Illini Union Board (hereinafter referred to as IU Board).

### II. PURPOSE

- A. To conduct social, cultural, educational and recreational activities and programs of a campus-wide nature.
  - 1. The Director and the Associate Director (Student Programs & Activities Department) of the Illini Union shall proceed in accordance with the instructions of IU Board in the conduct of the activities and programs.
  - 2. The Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and ultimately the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs are responsible for coordinating campus programming and monitoring such programs for conformity with campus policy and fiscal responsibility. IU Board, as all other units that engage in campus-wide programming, is subject to such coordination and monitoring.
- B. To advise the Director of the Illini Union on matters of policy relating to the operation of the Illini Union. The Director will consult fully with IU Board on major policy matters, including:
  - 1. Policies on the use of the Illini Union, including assignments of space, and the operation of all departments, shall be determined by the Director of the Illini Union. Policies concerning the Program Department as it relates to the conduct of programs shall be excepted from such aforementioned determination.
  - 2. The Director will make no major policy decisions or changes in existing policy without fully consulting first with the IUB, which shall be advisory to the Director on such matters. After consulting with IUB, the decision of the Director shall be final subject to higher administrative monitoring and direction.
- C. To give advice and consent in the employment of the Associate Director (Student Programs & Activities Department).
- D. To advise the Chancellor in the appointment of the Director of the Illini Union.

### III. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Thirteen undergraduates or graduate students appointed by the IU Board.
  - 1. Since the IU Board has a higher degree of responsibility with regard to programming than it does with regard to advising on operational policy matters, the importance of selecting Board members with programming experience is emphasized.
  - 2. At least half of such appointees shall have had major responsibilities for developing or implementing programs on the campus; at least four of whom shall have gained extensive programming experience within the Illini Union framework.
- B. One undergraduate student (appointed by the Illinois Student Government).
- C. One graduate student (appointed by the Students Advising on Graduate Education).
- D. Five non-student members:
  - 1. Two faculty members (appointed by the Chancellor or his/her designee)
  - 2. A staff member (appointed by the Chancellor or his/her designee)
  - 3. Associate Vice Chancellor for Alumni Relations (or his/her designee)
  - 4. A civil service representative of the Staff Advisory Council.
- E. Director of the Illini Union (ex-officio non-voting).
- F. Associate Director (Student Programs & Activities Department) of the Illini Union (ex-officio non-voting).

### IV. OFFICERS AND MEETINGS

- A. The executive officers of the Board shall be the President, Vice President for Policy, Vice President for Programs, Vice President of Internal Affairs and the Vice President for Finance.
- B. The dates, times and locations of all regular meetings shall be determined at the beginning of each semester by the President with the advice of the Executive Committee and the Director of the Illini Union, and the consent of the IU Board.
- C. Special meetings of the IU Board may be called by the President with the consent of the Executive Committee, and shall be called by the President if one-fourth of the membership of the Board submit and sign a request.
- D. A majority of the voting members of the IU Board shall constitute a quorum necessary to conduct business, except as provided for in the Bylaws.

### V. AMENDMENT AND RATIFICATION

- A. Amendments to the Bylaws (Section IID-2) require a two-thirds vote of the voting membership of the IU Board and approval of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.
- B. All or part of the Bylaws may be suspended upon two-thirds vote of the voting membership of the IU Board. Any action taken while all or part of the Bylaws are suspended is subject to approval by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.
- C. In order to alter any provisions herein, to incorporate an amendment, or ratify a new constitution, a three-fourths majority of the voting membership of the IU Board shall be required for passage. Changes to this Constitution shall be subject to approval by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

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