BACKGROUND
In Fall of 2016, the Chair of the Senate Executive Committee asked the Senate Committee on General University Policy (GUP) to review our policies and practices on Naming Rights. Currently the Campus Administrative Manual says that such naming decisions will be referred to the Senate. Given the number of buildings, classrooms, and other physical places named for donors or other honorees, Senate review of all of them seems unwieldy. Some universities have a stand-alone committee solely for this purpose; rather than create a new committee, GUP recommends adding the responsibility to the Joint Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Licensing and Investment, which has similar duties and a membership suited to these sorts of discussion. It is also proposed to revise the name of the committee to reflect the additional duties.

As part of these duties, the committee should develop clearer guidelines for which naming decisions rise to the level requiring review. In some cases, naming rights may be linked to donations necessary for building or remodeling to occur; hence a prompt decision beforehand is needed. In extremely rare cases, we might need guidelines for revisiting a naming decision in order to consider removing the name. In all these cases, coordination with the Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement will be necessary, as well as the Associate Provost for Facilities; these members could be invited to confer with the committee on an ad hoc basis when such matters may arise.

RECOMMENDATIONS
The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends approval of the following revisions to the Bylaws.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS, PART E

Part E – Governing and Advisory Bodies

4. Joint Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Licensing and Investment, Licensing, and Naming Rights

   a. Duties
      The Committee shall provide advice to the Chancellor’s Office on issues of social responsibility related to campus investment, licensing or investments, and naming rights consistent with the values of the university. Issues within its responsibility include, but are not limited to, licensing of the campus’s names, symbols, and insignia; supporting workers’ rights.
and fair labor practices; sponsorship of products; and corporate social responsibility more generally. The Committee will also review proposals to name campus buildings, classrooms, or other physical facilities for donors or other honorees.

b. Membership

The Committee shall consist of:

1. Five members of the faculty;
2. One academic professional;
3. Three students, including at least one undergraduate student and at least one graduate or professional student;
4. A representative from the University of Illinois Extension, designated by the Director of Extension (ex officio with vote);
5. The representative of the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics with responsibility for licensing and corporate sponsorships, designated by the Director of DIA (ex officio with vote);
6. The campus’s representative to the University Caucus of the Worker Rights Consortium (ex officio with vote);
7. A member of the Office of the Chancellor designated by the Chancellor (ex officio).

c. Appointment and Terms of Office

1. Three of the faculty positions and the student positions shall be filled as follows. The Committee on Committees shall prepare, and the Senate shall approve, a list of candidates, with at least two nominees for each position to be filled. The Chancellor, in consultation with the Chair of the Senate Executive Committee, shall appoint members from the list. The Chancellor will appoint up to two additional faculty members of his/her choosing, in consultation with the Chair of the Senate Executive Committee, to bring the total to five.
2. The academic professional position shall be filled as follows: The Council of Academic Professionals shall prepare a list of at least two nominees. The Chancellor, in consultation with the Chair of the Council of Academic Professionals, shall appoint the member from the list.
3. The Chancellor shall appoint the representative from the University of Illinois Extension.
4. The five faculty members and the academic professional member shall serve staggered, renewable terms of three years. The three student members shall serve renewable terms of one year.

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