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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

Committee on Elections and Credentials

EC.18.06 Annual Report for 2017-18
(Final; Information)

The Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials (ECC) is responsible for the overall supervision and conduct of all nominations and elections of senators, including: determination of faculty voting units and of student election units; allocation of senatorial seats among faculty voting units and among student election units; ruling on questions of eligibility and interpretation of election rules; generally ensuring that nominations and elections are conducted in accordance with rules and procedures that it shall devise; and certifying election results.

This report summarizes the activities of ECC during the 2017-18 academic year. ECC met six times as a full committee (October 17, November 14, November 27, January 31, March 14, and May 9) and five times as a sub-committee (January 9, February 28, March 28, April 11, and April 25).

Items that were considered in 2017-18 included:

EC.18.01, Adjustment of Values Used in Calculating the Size of Faculty Voting Units

Values were adjusted so that a voting unit having 5 members is entitled to elect one senator from its membership and an additional senator for every 12 senators beyond the initial five. The values were adjusted from the original values of 7 and 12 to the revised values of 5 and 10 by the Senate on January 30, 2012 (SP.12.08). The Senate approved the adjustment of the values to 5 and 12 on February 5, 2018.

EC.18.02, Proposed Apportionment Formula

A new apportionment formula that would be determined using an algebraic equation was discussed. After deliberation, it was determined that the current system may have greater transparency. Currently, a person can determine the number of Senate seats apportioned to a voting unit based on the number of eligible faculty members in that voting unit. Using the algebraic formula, the overall number of faculty eligible in the faculty electorate as a whole is needed before any voting unit can calculate the number of seats apportioned to that voting unit. This item will continue to be monitored.

EC.18.03, Proposed Revision to the *Election Rules for the Student Electorate*

ECC spent the latter part of the spring semester working on revisions to current student election rules. A sub-committee of the ECC met with representatives from the Campus Student Election Commission and Illinois Student Government to seek input related to

recommended revisions and how the election process can have greater transparency and encourage higher voter turnout. Procedures required to secure a place on the election ballot were also discussed. This item will continue into the 2018-19 academic year.

EC.18.04, Proposed Revisions to the *Election Rules for the Faculty Electorate*

ECC and the ECC sub-committee spent a considerable portion of the year revising the current election rules for clarity, consistency, and to reflect current procedures. The new rules were passed by the Senate on April 2, 2018.

SP.18.07, Proposed Revision to the *Constitution,* Article II – Faculty Representation

ECC proposed to the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP) that every voting unit should be entitled to at least one Senator beginning in the 2018-19 academic year. After two readings, the proposed revisions were approved by the Senate on March 5, 2018.

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