

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures
SP.09.08 Annual Report for 2008-2009
(Final; Information)

In addition to this report, the Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP) considered twelve items this year including three held over from previous years. As of the date of writing this report, the status of these items is as follows:

A. Items passed by the Senate.

SP.06.05 Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article VIII

In 2005-06, USSP had developed a proposal to amend Article VIII of the *Statutes* in regard to the securing of faculty advice when there are structural changes to academic units. To make those changes effective, it was also necessary to propose a definition of "unit" and "tenure home." Following UIUC Senate approval of the amendments in Spring 2006, the identical language was approved by the UIC Senate in 2007. In Fall 2008, the UIS Senate approved the amendments but only after making a change to the phrasing of the definition of "tenure home." USSP thus brought forward the revised SP.06.05 to the UIUC Senate for a vote on the resultant new text. It was approved by the Senate on April 27, 2009.

SP.09.02 2008-2009 Urbana-Champaign Senate Membership

This report to the organizational meeting listed the elected members of the new Senate. It was adopted by the new Senate on April 21, 2008.

SP.09.04 Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.15 - Committee on Public Engagement

The Sixth Senate Review Commission Final Report recommended "...that during the 2007-08 year, all Senate committees conduct a review of their charge, their operations, their staffing, and their titles, to determine if revisions to any of these might be appropriate." The Committee on Public Engagement recommended revisions to the wording of its duties and membership to more completely represent its charge. The Senate approved the revisions to the *Bylaws* on October 6, 2008.

SP.09.05 Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.16 - Committee on Student Discipline, Membership

The Committee on Student Discipline (SD) recommended that the number of students on the committee be increased from four to six. In recent years, the student members have voiced the need for greater student representation to provide greater student experience on the committee. The Senate approved the revision to the *Bylaws* on March 30, 2009.

SP.09.06 Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.6 - Committee on Committees

The Sixth Senate Review Commission Final Report recommended "...that during the 2007-08 year, all Senate committees conduct a review of their charge, their operations, their staffing, and their titles, to determine if revisions to any of these might be appropriate." The Committee on Committees recommended revisions to the wording of its membership and election procedure to represent its charge more completely. The Senate approved the revisions to the *Bylaws* on December 8, 2008.

SP.09.07 Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.10 - Committee on Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits

As a follow-up to the review recommended in the Sixth Senate Review Commission Final Report, the Committee on Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits, recommended one additional *ex officio* member be added to the committee - the President of the UIUC Chapter of the State University Annuitants Association (SUAA). The Senate approved the revision to the *Bylaws* on December 8, 2008.

SP.09.09 Revision to Standing Rule 13

Standing Rule 13 specified that the sponsors of a reorganization proposal are responsible for collecting comments and feedback when a change in an academic organization occurs. In order to provide campus members a more confidential way to offer input, the Committee on Educational Policy (EP) has collected this information in recent years. EP recommended a revision to Standing Rule 13 to reflect current practice. The Senate approved the revision on March 30, 2009.

B. Items presented to the Senate for information.

SP.09.01 Faculty and Student Electorate and Senator Distribution

This report provided a statistical analysis of the membership of the new Senate. It was reported to the organizational meeting on April 21, 2008.

C. Items removed from the Committee agenda.

SP.08.13 Addition of Academic Professionals to the Senate Electorate: *Constitution and Bylaws* Amendments

Following recommendations of the Sixth Senate Review Commission, USSP developed language for *Constitution* and *Bylaws* amendments to add an academic professional electorate to the UIUC Senate. The Senate considered the proposal on December 8, 2008. Following floor discussion about the relative merits of having academic professionals in the Senate electorate as well as whether Article II, Section 12, paragraph (c) of the *Constitution* might not already provide at least a partial avenue for such membership, the proposed amendments to the *Constitution* and *Bylaws* were defeated. Subsequently, USSP devoted considerable time to researching the historical application of Article II, Section 12, paragraph (c) as well as to whether that provision could be made effective in addressing the concerns of academic professionals. This work has been subsumed within SP.09.03.

SP.08.14 Proposed Revisions to the *Bylaws* to Add Academic Professionals to the Senate Electorate

Initially, USSP had a separate document, SP.08.14, for the revisions to the *Bylaws* necessary to add academic professionals to the Senate electorate. It was decided to present both the *Constitution* and *Bylaws* revisions in one document, SP.08.13, and retire SP.08.14.

D. Items to be carried over to 2009-2010.

SP.09.03 Review of the Senate Faculty Electorate

Following periodic discussions of questions concerning the Senate electorate, USSP decided to investigate how the faculty electorate was being administered. USSP is investigating the issue of including the "other academic staff" as defined in the *Statutes* (Article IX, Section 3c) in the Senate electorate. A Committee of the Whole discussion was held at the April 27 Senate meeting. USSP will use the content of that discussion to provide guidance to continue discussion on this issue.

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