

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

University Statutes and Senate Procedures  
(Final; Action)

SP.11.08      Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.7(d) – Conference on Conduct Governance,  
Membership

**BACKGROUND**

Recently, the Graduate College has requested that a representative have a seat on the Conference on Conduct Governance (CCG). CCG makes conduct rules that apply to the entire campus, and the concern expressed by Dean Debasish Dutta is that graduate students "have unique rules that apply to them as a population." While many of these rules are academic and not conduct, and thus not within the jurisdiction of CCG, the different perspective of graduate students seems important in the drafting of conduct rules.

The dean also points out that "the Graduate College has had several issues recently where it appears that the *Graduate College Handbook of Policy and Requirements for Students, Faculty and Staff* and the *Student Code* are not in agreement with each other." While one could argue that the *Graduate College Handbook* should therefore be changed, there might also be a case for some changes to the *Student Code*. At any rate, having a Graduate College representative on CCG would certainly expedite resolution of such problems and help avoid future repetition.

Dean Dutta states that there has been in the past an unofficial Graduate College representative on CCG, in the person of the representative of the Committee of Assistant and Associate Deans, who just happened to be from the Graduate College. This is no longer the case.

In discussions leading up to this proposal to the Senate, some CCG members have expressed concern that every college on campus might want to join the Graduate College in requesting its own seat on CCG. Obviously, that would be quite unwieldy. However, the Graduate College is unique, serving and crossing the other colleges on campus and, therefore, is appropriate to have as an *ex officio* member.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures and the Conference on Conduct Governance recommend approval of the following revisions to the *Bylaws*. Text to be added is underscored.

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS, PART D.7(d)**

- 1            (d)      Membership
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1. Six members of the faculty electorate, of whom there shall be at least one from each professional rank and of whom one shall be designated chair by the Senate;
  2. Seven members of the student electorate, of whom four shall be undergraduates, two graduate students, and one student of a professional college;
  3. Four members from among the administrative officers of the campus chosen with due regard for appropriate areas of concern and in consultation with the Chancellor or the Chancellor's designee;
  4. A member of the Committee of Assistant and Associate Deans (*ex officio*), selected by that committee; and a Graduate College designee (*ex officio*), selected by the Graduate College.

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