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URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

University Statutes and Senate Procedures
(Second Reading; Action)

SP.11.10 Proposed Revision to the Constitution, Article IV, Section 5 – Student Senators
Terms of Office

BACKGROUND
The Senate Constitution is silent about the commencement of the terms of student senators. Similar provisions for faculty and Other Academic Staff specify that senate terms commence at the beginning of the next academic year. Commensurate with standing practice, this proposal would synchronize the beginning of the terms of all three electorates of the Senate.

RECOMMENDATIONS
The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends approval of the following revisions to the Constitution. Text to be added is underscored.

PROPOSED REVISION TO THE CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 5

5. The terms of senators elected from the student electorate shall be one year, commencing at the beginning of the next academic year, with a maximum of six consecutive terms. Unless the Senate provides otherwise, special elections shall not be held to fill vacancies.

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