UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

University Statutes and Senate Procedures
(Final; Action)

SP.15.12 Proposed Revisions to the Bylaws, Part D.18 – Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures

BACKGROUND
The parliamentarians are selected to advise the presiding officer of the Senate. The current language allows only members of the faculty electorate to be appointed and serve in this capacity. In recent years there has been a dwindling number of faculty available for this assignment. Allowing other members of the Senate electorate to serve as parliamentarians will increase the number of individuals available to serve which in turn will help the Senate operate smoothly.

RECOMMENDATION
The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends approval of the following revisions to the Bylaws, Part D.18. Text to be added is underscored and text to be deleted is indicated by strikeout (e.g., sample text for deletion).

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS, PART D.18

18. Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures

(a) Duties

The Committee shall:

1. Review the form of proposed amendments to the University Statutes, to the General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure, and to the Senate Constitution and Bylaws, and assure that substantive review of such proposals is made by the other appropriate Senate committees;

2. Regularly review Senate procedures and make appropriate recommendations to the Senate;

3. Review interpretations of the Statutes made by the Chancellor or the President of the University and advise the Senate on any need for revisions to the Statutes that may be necessary as a result of these interpretations;

4. Provide legislative history and commentary on specific sections of the Statutes in response to requests from the Senate Executive Committee or from the Senate’s constituency;
5. Appoint at least two parliamentarians, who shall be members of the faculty Senate electorate, to advise the presiding officer at Senate meetings on matters of parliamentary procedure; and

6. Supervise and conduct 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; generally ensuring that nominations and elections are conducted in accordance with rules and procedures that it shall devise; and certifying election results.

(b) Membership

The Committee shall consist of:

1. Five faculty members,

2. One academic professional member,

3. Two students,

4. One designee of the Chancellor (ex officio), and

5. The Clerk of the Senate or the Clerk’s designee (ex officio).