

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY STATUTES AND SENATE PROCEDURES
(Final; Action)

SP.20.08 Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.19 – Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures

BACKGROUND

Responding to the Report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01), the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (SP) examined its charge and composition as provided by the *Bylaws*, Part D.19.

The proposed changes better align this language with the committee’s practice while also allowing SP to clearly address matters under its charge and that the Senate may direct to it. In particular, this proposal clarifies that SP reviews more than just the “form” of proposed amendments (a.1) and that the committee is often charged to advise the Senate on a variety of impacts and actions (a.3).

In addition, SP intends to recommend that its chair be released from other academic duties for one-half time, once an agreement has been reached on funding and terms of such releases. This recommendation mirrors the release for the chair of the Senate Executive Committee (*Bylaws*, Part D.1.c) and the chair of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (*Bylaws*, Part D.8.c). The SP workload makes considerable demands on the chair’s time and requires a significant commitment.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends the approval of the following revisions to the *Bylaws*. Text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~ and text to be added is underlined. Adoption of amendments to the *Bylaws* requires a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

REVISION TO THE *BYLAWS*, PART D.19 – Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures

- 1 a. Duties
- 2 The Committee shall:
- 3 1. Review ~~the form of~~ proposed amendments to the *Statutes*, to the *General Rules*
- 4 *Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and to the *Senate Constitution*,
- 5 ~~and *Bylaws*, and *Standing Rules*~~, and ~~assure~~ ensure that substantive review of such
- 6 proposals is made by ~~the~~ other appropriate Senate committees;

- 7 2. Regularly review Senate procedures and make appropriate recommendations to
8 the Senate;
- 9 3. Review interpretations of the *Statutes* made by the Chancellor, Provost, or the
10 President of the University system, and advise the Senate ~~on any need for revisions~~
11 ~~to the Statutes that may be necessary as a result of these interpretations~~
12 accordingly;
- 13 4. Provide legislative history and commentary on specific sections of the *Statutes* in
14 response to requests from the Senate Executive Committee or from the Senate’s
15 constituency;
- 16 5. Appoint at least two parliamentarians, ~~who shall be members of~~ from the Senate
17 electorate, to advise the presiding officer at Senate meetings on matters of
18 parliamentary procedure.

19 b. Membership

20 The Committee shall consist of:

- 21 1. Six faculty members,
22 2. One academic professional member,
23 3. Two students members,
24 4. One designee of the Chancellor (*ex officio*),
25 5. One designee of the Provost (*ex officio*), and
26 6. The Clerk of the Senate or the Clerk’s designee (*ex officio*).

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