

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

SP.20.19 Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.12 – Committee on General University Policy

**BACKGROUND**

Responding to the Report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01), the Senate Committee on General University Policy (GP) examined its charge and composition as provided by the *Bylaws*, Part D.12.

The proposed revisions more clearly define the committee’s scope, including responsibilities referred to GP by the Senate, and codify GP’s role of monitoring background checks, multi-year contracts, and the Faculty Policy Guide.

GP recommends the addition of another faculty member to its membership to avoid voting ties. GP further recommends the addition of the Senior Associate Chancellor for Human Resources or the Senior Associate Chancellor’s designee as an *ex officio* member to help clarify the consequences of policy changes for human resources procedures.

**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.12 – Committee on General University Policy**

- 1 a. Duties
- 2 The Committee shall:
- 3 ~~1. study and, after such~~ After such consultation with other committees as it deems appropriate,
- 4 ~~shall study,~~ report, and make recommendations to the Senate concerning general
- 5 ~~University policy in broad terms, including governing~~ governing such matters as:
- 6 a. ~~the~~ the size and composition of the student body;
- 7 b. policies relevant to faculty concerns in consultation with the Office of the
- 8 Provost;
- 9 c. budget trends as related to the quality of the ~~U~~niversity and its capability to
- 10 satisfy public demands ~~on it~~;

- 11 d. educational policy as related to creation, combination, changes in affiliation or  
12 abolition of departments, centers, divisions, institutes, colleges, campuses and  
13 similar educational, research, and public-service units;  
14 e. the allocation of resources among such units and the methods employed by  
15 administrative officials in making such allocations; and  
16 f. formulation of policy in anticipation of major societal changes.

17 2. Monitor the following specific topics:

- 18 a. data on background checks to identify any consequences of the background  
19 check process, and  
20 b. number of non-tenure system faculty and proportion of non-tenure-system  
21 faculty multi-year contracts as described in the *Statutes*, Article X, Section 1.

22 3. Maintain and periodically update the Faculty Policy Guide, and maintain access to the  
23 Guide on the Senate website.

24 b. Membership

25 The Committee shall consist of:

- 26 1. ~~Five~~ Six faculty members,  
27 2. One academic professional member,  
28 3. Two students members, and  
29 4. The Senior Associate Chancellor for Human Resources or the Senior Associate  
30 Chancellor's designee (*ex officio*), and  
31 5. The Provost or the Provost's designee (*ex officio*).

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