

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures  
(Final; Action)

SP.19.12 Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article VIII, Section 4 – Changes in Existing Units

**BACKGROUND**

At its April 22, 2019 meeting, the Senate approved a proposed revision to the *Statutes*, Article VIII, Section 4, establishing two tracks for the renaming of academic units (SP.19.12, superseding SP.18.14, had been approved on November 12, 2018). That proposal was transmitted to the Springfield and Chicago Senates for their consideration. The Springfield Senate approved the proposal with no changes; the Chicago Senate approved the proposal, but recommended altering how the new language in Article VIII, Section 4.b be presented and added section titles to Sections 4.a and 4.b (the proposal from UIC is included as an appendix here).

The Committee on University Statues and Senate Procedures (SP) recommends retaining the language previously approved by our Senate, modified only by the title changes recommended by the Chicago Senate, presented in **yellow**. As this is a minor revision, it should only require a single vote.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends approval of the following revisions to the *Statutes*, Article VIII, Section 4.

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**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE STATUTES, ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 4**

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2 **ARTICLE VIII. CHANGES IN ACADEMIC ~~ORGANIZATION~~ UNITS**

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4 **Section 4. Changes in ~~the Organization and Naming of~~ Existing Units**

5 **a.**

**Changes in Academic Organization**

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From time to time, circumstances will favor changes in academic organization such as the termination, separation, transfer, merger, or change in status (e.g., department to school),

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~~or renaming~~ of the academic units specified in Section ~~4~~ 3. The procedures for the various

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changes shall be the same as those specified for formation of such a unit, except that the

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proposal may originate in the unit(s) or at any higher administrative level. The advice of each

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unit involved shall be taken and recorded by vote of the faculty by secret written ballot in

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accordance with the bylaws of that unit. For transfer, merger, separation, and change in

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status, the procedures shall be those applicable to the type of unit ~~which~~ that would result.

14 Units affected may communicate with the Board of Trustees in accordance with Article XIII,  
15 Section 4, of these *Statutes*.

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17 b. **Renaming**

18 Academic Units specified in Section 3 may be renamed in either of two ways:

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20 (1) If the renaming is related to a change in academic organization (as in Section 4.a) or  
21 changes in a discipline or its terminology (e.g., a shift change from “communications” to  
22 “media” or from “commerce” to “business”), the procedures shall be the same as those  
23 specified for formation of such a unit, except that the proposal may originate in the unit(s)  
24 or at any higher administrative level. The advice of each unit involved shall be taken and  
25 recorded by vote of the faculty by secret written ballot in accordance with the bylaws of that  
26 unit.

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28 (2) If the renaming involves only the addition of an eponym (e.g., the name of an alumnus,  
29 donor, person, or entity), the proposal may originate in the unit or at any higher  
30 administrative level. The advice of the unit to be renamed shall be taken and recorded by  
31 vote of the faculty by secret written ballot in accordance with the bylaws of that unit, and  
32 the advice by vote of the appropriate senate shall be taken and recorded by a vote of the  
33 senate. The senate may specify a committee to provide advice on its behalf under  
34 conditions established by the senate. In this case, the committee’s advice, taken and  
35 recorded by vote, will be reported to the senate.

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**Appendix A**  
**UIC Senate proposal**

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**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE STATUTES, ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 4**

**ARTICLE VIII. CHANGES IN ACADEMIC ~~ORGANIZATION~~ UNITS**

**Section 4. Changes in ~~the Organization and Naming of~~ Existing Units**

a) Changes in Academic Organization

From time to time, circumstances will favor changes in academic organization such as the termination, separation, transfer, merger, or change in status (e.g., department to school), ~~or renaming~~ of the academic units specified in Section ~~4~~ 3. The procedures for the various changes shall be the same as those specified for formation of such a unit, except that the proposal may originate in the unit(s) or at any higher administrative level. The advice of each unit involved shall be taken and recorded by vote of the faculty by secret written ballot in accordance with the bylaws of that unit. For transfer, merger, separation, and change in status, the procedures shall be those applicable to the type of unit ~~which~~ that would result. Units affected may communicate with the Board of Trustees in accordance with Article XIII, Section 4, of these *Statutes*.

b) Renaming

Academic Units specified in Section 3 may be renamed in either of two ways:

- 1) Renaming related to a change in academic organization (as in Section 4.a) or changes in a discipline or its terminology (e.g., a shift change from “communications” to “media” or from “commerce” to “business”).
- 2) Renaming that involves only the addition of an eponym (e.g., the name of an alumnus, donor, person, or entity).

In both cases, the procedures shall be the same as those in Section 4.a) for changes in academic organization of existing units. However, in case 2), the senate may specify a committee to provide advice on its behalf under conditions established by the senate. In this case, the committee’s advice, taken and recorded by a vote, will be reported to the senate.