SP.20.15  Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.4 – Committee on the Budget

BACKGROUND
Responding to the Report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01), the Senate Committee on the Budget (BG) examined its charge and composition as provided in the Bylaws, Part D.4.

BG transmitted a set of proposed changes to the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (SP) in October 2019. These were refined and strengthened by BG and SP, which after some delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic, were approved by BG in October 2020.

The proposed revisions better specify the committee’s charge to advise work on behalf of the Senate to gather information and make reports and recommendations to the Senate as appropriate. These also align the committee’s work with the new campus budget model and allow the committee to respond to the broader context of the University of Illinois System, instead of only the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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.4 – Committee on the Budget

1   a. Duties
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3       The Committee shall:
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5           Study general trends in the budgets of the State and nation which may affect the
6           University, the budgets of the University and the Urbana-Champaign campus, the
7           allocation of resources among the different units of the Urbana-Champaign campus, the
8           criteria followed in determining budgetary needs and in allocating existing and
9           requested new resources, and the general implications of budget decisions for
10          educational policy and the quality of academic and related programs in the University. It
shall regularly advise members of the campus administration on the formulation of
policies affecting the budget and on the allocation of funds requested by and
appropriated to the University and the Urbana-Champaign campus. It shall duly report
on these matters and on its relations with the University and campus administrations,
and make recommendations to the Senate.

1. On behalf of the Senate, consult and advise the campus administration and members
of the campus community on formulation of policies affecting the budget and on
allocation of funds requested by and appropriated to the University of Illinois System
and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;

2. Periodically collect information and data on matters related to the budget, which
may include surveys;

3. Monitor trends in government budgets that may affect the University of Illinois
System and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;

4. Monitor the allocation of campus resources among different units of the campus, the
processes and criteria followed in determining budgetary needs and in allocating
existing and requested new resources, and the implications of budget decisions for
educational policy and quality of academic and related programs in the University; and

5. Regularly report on these matters and the committee's relations with the University
and campus administrators, making recommendations to the Senate as appropriate.