

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE  
SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
(Final; Action)

SC.21.08 Resolution Confirming the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Shall Provide Advice to the President on the 2020-2021 Review of the Chancellor

At its November 12, 2020 meeting, the University of Illinois Board of Trustees approved a package of revisions to the *Statutes*, ST-77, which included revisions to Article I provisions that govern the review of University Chancellors. The amended language in Article I, Section 5 now reads: “The chancellor/vice president shall be appointed annually by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the president. On the occasion of the appointment of a new chancellor/vice president, or a formal review of an incumbent chancellor/vice president, the president shall have the advice of a committee selected by the senate of the university concerned.” The term “formal review” was added for the first time on November 12, 2020. This change is clearly intended to differentiate from the routine annual feedback that SEC provides to the President every year on the Chancellor’s performance.

Currently, Senate *Bylaws*, Part D.a.9 direct the SEC to “provide advice annually to the President on the reappointment of the Chancellor as required by the *Statutes*, Article I, section 5.” Senate *Bylaws* thus do not yet reference the new *Statutes* language referencing a “formal review.” The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (SP) will prepare language to align the *Bylaws* with the *Statutes*, but in the interim period, SEC recommends clarifying and confirming that SEC will be the body to gather and provide feedback to the President on this year’s “formal review” of the Chancellor.

It is longstanding practice for SEC to meet annually with the President to provide feedback on the performance of the Chancellor and current *Bylaws* require SEC to provide advice annually to the President on the reappointment of the Chancellor as required by the *Statutes* Article I, section 5.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Senate Executive Committee shall serve as the review committee for the current (2020-2021) Review of the Chancellor and the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures shall be directed to recommend revisions to the Senate *Bylaws* to articulate the mechanism, consistent with the recently amended Statutes, for the Senate to use in future formal reviews.

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