

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY STATUTES AND SENATE PROCEDURES  
(First Reading; Information)

SP.20.23 Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article I, Section 5 – Chancellors and Vice Presidents, Article II, Section 3a(1) – Faculty Role in Governance, and Article III, Section 1g – The University

**BACKGROUND**

Articles II and III of the *Statutes* specify that the faculty of the university includes those administrators who are in the direct line of responsibility for academic affairs, specifically directors, deans, the provost (vice chancellor for academic affairs), chancellor/vice president, and president. Department chairs and heads are not specified in this direct line of responsibility in II.3, though their duties in Article IV indicate such responsibilities.

The *Statutes* also specify that at least once every five years there shall be evaluations of the department chair (Article IV, Section 2a), the department head (Article IV, Section 3a), the dean of a college (Article III, Section 3b), and the campus librarian (Article VI, Paragraph e). The *Statutes* do not currently provide for regular evaluations of the vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost and only recently (ST-77, approved by the Board of Trustees in November 2020) provide for a “formal review” of the chancellor/vice president.

The following proposed revisions to *Statutes* would establish clearer language, addressing both matters, establishing and clarifying the senate’s role in the advice and review process of appointing and retaining chancellors, vice chancellors, and provosts. They also clarify the role of department chairs and heads in the direct line of responsibility for academic affairs. Evaluation of an administrator, especially one who is in the direct line of responsibility for academic affairs, is essential for the good of an organization, giving members of the organization an opportunity to voice their suggestions and recommendations. The proposed policy changes are not directed at any individuals currently in these affected positions. SP recommends, therefore, that a performance evaluation be implemented at least once every five years *after* the next initial appointment of the vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost or the chancellor/vice president, unless the incumbent vice chancellor or chancellor agrees otherwise. We further recommend that each university develop general procedures to guide it in its implementation of the evaluation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends approval of the following revisions to the *Statutes*, Article I, Section 5; Article II, Section 3a(1); and Article III, Section 1g. Text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~ and text to be added is underlined.

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE STATUTES, ARTICLE I, SECTION 5**

1 **ARTICLE I. SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION**

2 **Section 5. Chancellors/Vice Presidents**

3 There shall be a chancellor at each university of the University of Illinois System who shall also  
4 be a vice president of the system (chancellor/vice president). The chancellor/vice president,  
5 under the direction of the president, shall serve as the chief executive officer for the university.  
6 The chancellor/vice president shall perform such duties as may be delegated and assigned by  
7 the president and ~~may be~~ are consistent with the *Statutes* of the University of Illinois System,  
8 *The General Rules*, and actions of the Board of Trustees. As system officers, the chancellors/vice  
9 presidents have responsibility for advising and working with the president and other system  
10 officers to advance the well-being of the entire system as well as their own individual  
11 university.

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13 The chancellor/vice president shall be appointed annually by the Board of Trustees on ~~the~~  
14 recommendation ~~of~~ by the president, after confidential consultation with the executive  
15 committee of the senate or in a manner to be determined by the senate. ~~On the occasion of~~  
16 Prior to the initial appointment of a ~~new~~ chancellor/vice president, ~~or a formal review of an~~  
17 ~~incumbent chancellor/vice president, the president shall have the advice of a committee that is~~  
18 selected by the senate of the university ~~concerned~~ shall advise the president on the  
19 appointment. In preparing its advice, the committee may seek the counsel of other university  
20 bodies regarding criteria for the selection of candidates. The performance of the  
21 chancellor/vice president shall be evaluated formally at least once every five years in a manner  
22 to be determined by the senate, in consultation with the president.

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24 **PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE STATUTES, ARTICLE II, SECTION 3a(1)**

25 **Article II. LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATION**

26 **Section 3. Faculty Role in Governance**

27 a. (1) The faculty of the University of Illinois System and any of its units except for the Graduate  
28 College consists of those members of the academic staff with the rank or title in that unit of  
29 professor, associate professor, or assistant professor who are tenured or receiving probationary

30 credit toward tenure, and those administrators in the direct line of responsibility for academic  
31 affairs (persons who hold the title chair or head of a department, director or dean ~~in~~ of an  
32 academic unit, provost or equivalent officer, chancellor/vice president, and president).  
33 Administrative staff members not in the direct line of responsibility for academic affairs are  
34 members of the faculty only if they also hold faculty appointments. The bylaws of any academic  
35 unit may further mandate a minimum ~~percent~~ percentage faculty appointment in that unit for  
36 specified faculty privileges, such as voting privileges.

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38 **PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE STATUTES, ARTICLE III, SECTION 1g**

39 **ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGES, AND SIMILAR UNIVERSITY UNITS**

40 **Section 1. The University**

41 g. Vice chancellors shall be appointed annually by the Board of Trustees on ~~the~~  
42 recommendations of by the chancellor/vice president and the president, after confidential  
43 consultation with the executive committee of the senate or in a manner to be determined by  
44 the senate. The chancellor/vice president shall on the occasion of each appointment seek the  
45 advice of the executive committee of the senate. Prior to the initial appointment of the vice  
46 chancellor for academic affairs and provost, a committee that is selected by the senate shall  
47 advise the chancellor/vice president on the appointment. In preparing its advice, The executive  
48 the committee may seek the counsel of other university bodies in preparing its advice regarding  
49 criteria for the selection of candidates. The performance of the vice chancellor for academic  
50 affairs and provost shall be evaluated formally at least once every five years in a manner to be  
51 determined by the senate, in consultation with the chancellor.

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