

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

SP.22.03 Proposed Revisions to the *Constitution*, Article VI, Section 9 (Senate review) and the *Bylaws*, Part D.1.a – Senate Executive Committee Duties

BACKGROUND

Stemming from its discussion of the Report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01), the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) recommended adding clarifying language in the *Constitution* to the directive to perform a periodic review of the Senate.

The SEC also recommended adding to the *Bylaws* a duty that would ensure the findings made by the commission performing the periodic review are responded to or implemented in a timely manner.

Further, only members of the faculty and student electorate may currently serve on the review commissions. Members of the academic professional electorate should also be included in the membership of review commissions. Using language that includes “members from each electorate” allows for the inclusion of additional electorates in the future rather than listing individual electorates.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends the approval of the following revisions to the *Constitution* and the *Bylaws*. The revision to the *Bylaws* will not become effective until the revision to the *Constitution* is approved by the Board of Trustees. Text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~ and text to be added is underlined. Adoption of amendments to the *Constitution* and the *Bylaws* requires a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

REVISION TO THE CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 9

- 1 **Section 9.** ~~Periodically~~ At least once every seven years, the Senate shall provide for a
- 2 comprehensive review of its size, organization, structure, and operation by a commission
- 3 composed of members ~~of the faculty and student~~ from each electorates, and ~~administrative~~
- 4 ~~officials~~ the administration. Such commission shall report its findings and make
- 5 recommendations to the Senate Executive Committee, as prescribed in the *Bylaws*. The report
- 6 of the commission shall be made public and distributed as ~~all other reports of the~~ a report for
- 7 information to the Senate.

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9 **REVISION TO THE BYLAWS, PART D.1.A – SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DUTIES**

10 a. Duties

11 The Senate Executive Committee shall:

- 12 1. Initiate and guide the work of the Senate;
- 13 2. Coordinate the activities of Senate committees, evaluate the functions of those
14 committees, and conduct an annual review of the current status of *ad hoc* committees of
15 the Senate, recommending appropriate action to the Senate;
- 16 3. Prepare the agenda for Senate meetings in accordance with the *Standing Rules*;
- 17 4. ~~Inform the Senate concerning the charge and composition of each committee created by~~
18 ~~the campus or University administration.~~ Request the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors
19 inform the Senate Executive Committee of the formation, composition, and dissolution of
20 any University-level committees that are of interest to the Senate and its committees;
- 21 5. Inform the Senate periodically of such changes to University-level committees;
- 22 ~~5~~6. Propose to the Senate a date and agenda for the annual meeting of the faculty and
23 report to the faculty at that meeting (*Bylaws*, Part A.7);
- 24 ~~6. Report to the faculty at the annual meeting;~~
- 25 7. Schedule and supervise the organizing of the Senate in accordance with Part A of these
26 *Bylaws*;
- 27 8. Nominate members of the Committee on Committees in accordance with *Bylaws*, Part
28 D.6.c;
- 29 9. Provide advice ~~annually~~ to the Chancellor on the initial appointment ~~or~~ and annual
30 reappointment of the ~~v~~Vice ~~e~~Chancellors as required by the *Statutes*, Article III, paragraph
31 1g;
- 32 10. Provide advice ~~annually~~ to the President on the initial appointment and annual
33 reappointment of the Chancellor as required by the *Statutes*, Article I, section 5;
- 34 11. Review nominees to the Campus Budget Oversight Committee (CBOC), Research Board,
35 and Research Policy Committee ~~nominees; and~~

36 12. Provide a written plan of action as a report for information to the Senate in response to
37 each of the findings and recommendations made by the commission to review the size,
38 organization, structure, and operation of the Senate, as required by the *Constitution*, Article
39 VI, Section 9; and
40 ~~12~~13. Perform other duties as the *Statutes* or Senate shall specify.

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