

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

SP.23.01 Proposed Revision to the *Statutes*, Article IV, Section 2b – Department Organized with a Chair and Section 3b – Department Organized with a Head

BACKGROUND

At its March 7, 2022 meeting, the Senate considered SP.19.15, a set of proposed revisions to sections of Article IV of the University *Statutes*. SP.19.15 was amended on the floor to remove a restriction that would have constrained the composition of department-level advisory committees, as this provision would have proved untenable for units with large portions of their faculty with appointments under 50%. The Committee on University *Statutes* and Senate Procedures noted at the time that it would continue to consider the issue.

The following proposed revisions would replace two passages in the *Statutes* with more generalized boundaries for departments regarding the compositions of executive and advisory committees, specifying what units should spell out in the *Bylaws*. This would make the two areas of Article IV (Sections 2b and 3b) more comparable, while allowing units to govern themselves appropriately given their actual compositions.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends approval of the following revisions to the *Statutes*, Article IV, Sections 2b and 3b.

Text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~ and text to be added is underscored.

PROPOSED REVISION TO THE STATUTES, ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 2b and 3b

1 **ARTICLE IV. DEPARTMENTS**

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3 **Section 2. Department Organized with a Chair**

4 **Replace:**

5 ~~d.b. In each department organized with a chair, there~~ There shall be an executive committee
6 elected annually by and from the faculty of the department by secret written ballot.

7 At least one-half of the members of the departmental executive committee shall be elected
8 from those faculty members who have at least a 50-percent salaried appointment in the

9 ~~University of Illinois system. The faculty may choose to elect members of the executive~~
10 ~~committee for staggered two- or three-year terms. The chair of the department is *ex officio* a~~
11 ~~member and chair of the executive committee. The chair and the executive committee are~~
12 ~~responsible for the preparation of the budget and for such matters as may be delegated to~~
13 ~~them by the faculty of the department. In a department ~~which~~ that has a faculty of not more~~
14 ~~than five members, the executive committee shall consist of the entire faculty. In all other~~
15 ~~cases, the size of the executive committee shall be determined by the faculty of the~~
16 ~~department. the faculty of the department shall determine the size of the executive committee.~~

17 **With:**

18 b. There shall be an executive committee elected annually by secret written ballot, by
19 and from the faculty of the department. Department bylaws may mandate a minimum
20 percentage faculty appointment in the department for voting privileges. The faculty of the
21 department shall, in its bylaws, determine the size, composition, and minimum percentage
22 appointment in the department for members of the executive committee. Department bylaws
23 may grant specified faculty privileges to designated faculty of other units.

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25 **Section 3. Department Organized with a Head**

26 **Replace:**

27 ~~f.b. In each department organized with a head, there~~ There shall be an advisory committee
28 ~~elected annually by and from the faculty of the department by secret written ballot. The~~
29 ~~department faculty may choose to elect members of the advisory committee for staggered two-~~
30 ~~or three-year terms~~ In a department ~~which~~ that has a faculty of not more than five members,
31 the advisory committee shall consist of the entire faculty. In all other cases, ~~the size of the~~
32 ~~advisory committee shall be determined by the faculty of the department.~~ the faculty of the
33 department shall determine the size of the advisory committee.

34 **With:**

35 b. There shall be an advisory committee elected annually by secret written ballot, by
36 and from the faculty of the department. Department bylaws may mandate a minimum
37 percentage faculty appointment in the department for voting privileges. The faculty of the

38 department shall, in its bylaws, determine the size, composition, and minimum percentage
39 appointment in the department for members of the advisory committee. Department bylaws
40 may grant specified faculty privileges to designated faculty of other units.

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