

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY STATUTES AND SENATE PROCEDURES
(Final; Action)

SP.21.10 Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.1.c – Senate Executive Committee, Membership

BACKGROUND

Responding to the Report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01), the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) examined its charge and composition as provided in the *Bylaws*, Part D.1. During its deliberations, SEC considered its membership, duties, eligibility restrictions on the SEC Chair and Vice-Chair positions, and language regarding *ex officio* representatives. SEC did not ultimately propose any changes to its membership, but did recommend proposed language about the SEC Chair and Vice-Chair and the *ex officio* representatives to the Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (SP).

SP presented a version of these changes as SP.20.06 at the July 13, 2020 Senate meeting. SP.20.06 was returned to committee, modified, and passed by the Senate on September 21, 2020. SP also presented SP.21.01 to reinstate some text that had been inadvertently struck by a floor amendment to SP.20.06; SP.21.01 was passed by the Senate on November 16, 2020.

During the Senate's deliberations on SP.20.06, it was noted that the Senate would benefit from a Committee of the Whole discussion on the membership of SEC to gather Senate input about whether SP should pursue any changes to the membership of SEC, as provided in the *Bylaws*, Part D.1.c.1.

SP gathered input on this matter via a Committee of the Whole discussion by the Senate at its April 26, 2021 meeting. Generally, there was a consensus that both the chair of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure and the chair of the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion should be added to the membership of SEC. In addition, the discussion indicated that SP should consider whether the pool of student representatives could be expanded to four (at least one undergraduate and at least one graduate or professional student) and whether committee chairs who are members of SEC could designate members of their committees to attend on their behalf.

The proposed changes specify seats for both the chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure and the chair of the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; specify seats for the Student Body Vice President and the Speaker of the Senate of the Illinois Student Government as well as two other student seats (for a total of four students on SEC); clarify the role of the representative to the University Senates Conference; and move elections language to a new section.

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.

1 REVISION TO THE *BYLAWS*, PART D.1.C

2 c. Membership

3 1. The Senate Executive Committee shall consist of:

- 4 a. a Chair and a Vice-Chair, elected by and from the membership of the Senate, and who
5 shall be the presiding officers of the Senate Executive committee;_z
- 6 b. the Chair of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure;
- 7 ~~bc.~~ the Chair of the Committee on Committees;_z
- 8 d. the Chair of the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion;
- 9 ~~ee.~~ the Chair of the Committee on Educational Policy;_z
- 10 ~~ef.~~ the Chair of the Committee on General University Policy;_z
- 11 ~~eg.~~ the Chair of the Committee on Information Technology,;
- 12 ~~fh.~~ the Chair of the Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures;_z
- 13 ~~gi.~~ three faculty members elected by the Senate from ~~a slate consisting of~~ among all
14 remaining committee chairs willing to serve, ~~with a runoff among the five candidates~~
15 ~~receiving the most votes (if there are more than five candidates), and additional~~
16 ~~candidates if tied for fifth place~~ elected as described in paragraph 2a;_z
- 17 i. the Student Body Vice President and the Speaker of the Senate of the Illinois Student
18 Government;
- 19 ~~hk.~~ three two student members, including ~~at least~~ one undergraduate and ~~at least~~ one
20 graduate or professional student, ~~all~~ each of whom shall be elected by and from the
21 student senators;_z
- 22 ~~il.~~ one of the Senate's representatives to the University Senates Conference, who shall
23 serve as a liaison between the two bodies and regularly update the Senate Executive
24 Committee on the Conference's activities, elected as described in paragraph 2b; ~~by the~~
25 ~~Senate at its organizational meeting; nominees shall be those members of the~~

26 ~~Committee on University Senates Conference who consent to serve if elected; a~~
27 ~~majority of votes shall be required to elect on the first ballot; if a majority vote is not~~
28 ~~reached on the first ballot, a runoff election shall be held between the two nominees~~
29 ~~who received the highest number of votes, and including all of those tied with the~~
30 ~~highest or second highest number of votes; a plurality of the votes cast shall be required~~
31 ~~to elect on the second ballot,~~

32 ~~j~~m. the campus faculty member of the Faculty Advisory Council to the Board of Higher
33 Education *ex officio* with vote;~~;~~

34 ~~k~~n. the Chair of the committee ~~which~~ that performs the statutory function of the
35 Professional Advisory Committee or the Chair's designee *ex officio* with vote;~~;~~ and

36 ~~l~~o. the Chancellor or the Chancellor's designee (*ex officio*).

37 2. Election of Members of the Senate Executive Committee

38 a. The three faculty members from among all committee chairs who are not already
39 members of the Senate Executive Committee specified in paragraph 1 and who consent
40 to serve shall be elected by the Senate, with a runoff if necessary among the candidates
41 receiving the five greatest number of votes, including all those tied.

42 b. The representative of the University Senates Conference from among those members of
43 the Committee on University Senates Conference who consent to serve shall be elected
44 by the Senate. A majority of votes shall be required to elect on the first ballot. If a
45 majority vote is not reached on the first ballot, a runoff election shall be held among the
46 nominees who received the two greatest number of votes, including all of those tied. A
47 plurality of the votes cast shall be required to elect on the second ballot.

48 [Renumber existing paragraphs 2-3 as 3-4.]

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