

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

SP.24.05 Proposed Revision to the *Constitution*, Article I, Section 5 and the *Bylaws*, Part A (quorum)

**BACKGROUND**

The twelfth edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR) states that "...a provision of the bylaws should specify the number of members that shall constitute a quorum, which should approximate the largest number that can be depended on to attend any meeting except in very bad weather or other extremely unfavorable conditions." [RONR (12<sup>th</sup> ed.) 3:3] The University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) and the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) Senates both specify their respective quorums in their *Bylaws*.

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate quorum provision is stated in the *Constitution*. The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (SP) recommends relocating the quorum provision from the *Constitution* to the *Bylaws* to be in line with RONR (12<sup>th</sup> ed.), and with the UIC and UIS Senates.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends the Senate approve the following proposed revision to the *Constitution* and *Bylaws*. ~~Struck-through~~ text indicates deletions, and underlined text indicates additions. *Bylaws* and *Constitution* amendments require two-thirds approval by the Senate. This proposed *Bylaws* revision will not become effective until the Board of Trustees approves the proposed revision to the *Constitution*.

**PROPOSED REVISION TO THE *CONSTITUTION*, ARTICLE I, SECTION 5**

1 ~~Section 5. A quorum necessary for a Senate meeting shall consist of 100 senators elected and~~  
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4 **PROPOSED REVISION TO THE *BYLAWS*, PART A**

5 3. A quorum of the Senate shall consist of 100 elected senators.

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7 The remainder of Part A shall be renumbered.

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