

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

SP.24.01 Proposed Revision to the *Constitution*, Article IV – Student Representation

BACKGROUND

The Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials (EC) recommends that the student electorate language in the *Constitution* be simplified to indicate that students eligible to vote in the student electorate must be seeking a degree (Section 1), and students eligible to be elected as student senators must be seeking a degree (Section 2).

In addition, EC proposes to remove Section 8 in Article IV of the *Constitution*. Section 8 refers to the University of Illinois Chicago College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign, which has been closed. The Carle Illinois College of Medicine, in its place, shall be treated as all other colleges and does not need to be specified in the *Constitution*.

For terminology consistency throughout Senate governing documents, EC also proposes substituting the term “voting unit” for the term “election unit”.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends the approval of the following proposed revision to the *Constitution*. Text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~ and text to be added is underlined. Adoption of amendments to the *Constitution* requires a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

REVISION TO THE *CONSTITUTION*, ARTICLE IV – Student Representation

1 **Article IV – Student Representation**

2 **Section 1.** The student electorate shall consist of all ~~persons~~ individuals actively ~~pursuing~~
 3 seeking a degree on this campus at this University ~~who meet the eligibility requirements for~~
 4 ~~voting and who are not members of the faculty or academic professional~~ any other Senate
 5 electorate. ~~Eligibility for voting shall require that the student be:~~

6 a. ~~In residence, and~~

7 b. ~~pursuing a degree.~~

8 ~~In addition, members of the student electorate eligible for nomination and election to the~~
 9 ~~Senate shall be:~~

- 10 a. ~~Undergraduate students, taking a minimum of 12 hours for credit; or~~
- 11 b. ~~Professional students, taking a minimum of 8 hours for credit; or~~
- 12 c. ~~Graduate students, taking a minimum of 8 hours for credit, or registered for thesis~~
13 ~~credit, or taking fewer than 8 hours but more than 0 hours for credit and having at least~~
14 ~~a one-half time appointment to the campus academic staff.~~

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16 **Section 2.** ~~Any~~ A member of the student electorate shall be eligible for nomination and election
17 to the Senate if, at the time of nomination and election, the student is making satisfactory
18 progress towards a degree, as certified by the student's academic dean. ~~The~~ Nomination and
19 election requirements and procedures shall be as provided by the Senate, consistent with the
20 provisions of this Article.

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22 **Section 3.** The total number of senators elected from the student electorate shall be as close to
23 fifty as possible, with each college or its equivalent entitled to elect at least one senator. ~~They~~
24 ~~shall be elected from student election units as provided in this Article. Prior to each election,~~
25 ~~the~~ the Senate shall determine ~~prior to each election~~ the number of senators to be elected from
26 each student ~~election~~ voting unit, as provided in this Article. This determination shall be based,
27 ~~insofar~~ so far as feasible, on each unit's proportional share of those students eligible for
28 nomination and election to the Senate, ~~, provided, however, that each college or its equivalent~~
29 ~~shall be entitled to elect at least one senator.~~

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31 **Section 4.** Student ~~election~~ voting units shall be ~~comprised~~ composed of the major academic
32 divisions, normally ~~the~~ colleges or their equivalent or subdivisions thereof. ~~Insofar~~ So far as
33 feasible, ~~the~~ larger academic divisions shall be subdivided into smaller student ~~election~~ voting
34 units, based on related subject matter ~~areas~~. Undergraduate students, graduate students, and
35 professional students shall be grouped separately, and shall vote ~~only~~ for the senators only
36 from their respective ~~groups~~ voting unit.

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38 **Section 5.** The terms of senators elected from the student electorate shall be one year, with a
39 maximum of six consecutive terms. Unless the Senate provides otherwise, special elections
40 shall not be held to fill vacancies.

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42 **Section 6.** The elected head of the student body, or the elected head of the undergraduate
43 student body and the elected head of the graduate student body, shall have *ex officio*
44 membership in the Senate during concurrent tenure ~~of~~ as the elected ~~office head~~ and
45 membership in the student electorate. If such ~~a person~~ an individual is or becomes an elected
46 member of the Senate, then that ~~person~~ individual shall not be deprived of voting rights as a
47 senator.

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49 **Section 7.** A student senator can be recalled by a vote of two-thirds of those voting in the recall
50 election.

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52 ~~**Section 8.** The student electorate of the College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign shall be~~
53 ~~entitled to elect voting members of the Senate. The provisions of this Article, Sections 1~~
54 ~~through 5 and 7, shall apply to these members.~~

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