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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 (12th 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 (12th 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

Section 5. A quorum necessary for a Senate meeting shall consist of 100 senators elected and serving.

PROPOSED REVISION TO THE BYLAWS, PART A

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

The remainder of Part A shall be renumbered.
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