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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Final; Action)

SC.26.03 Establish the Ninth Senate Review Commission

BACKGROUND

The following excerpts from the Senate *Constitution* and *Bylaws* provide guidance on the required periodic review of the Senate.

Senate *Constitution*, Article VI – General Provisions:

Section 10. At least once every seven years, the Senate shall provide for a comprehensive review of its size, organization, structure, and operation by a commission composed of members from each electorate, and the administration. Such a commission shall report its findings and make recommendations to the Senate Executive Committee, as prescribed in the *Bylaws*. The report of the commission shall be made public and distributed as a report for information to the Senate.

Senate *Bylaws* Part D:

1. Senate Executive Committee

a. Duties

The Senate Executive Committee shall:

- 12.** Provide a written plan of action as a report for information to the Senate in response to each of the findings and recommendations made by the commission to review the size, organization, structure, and operation of the Senate, as required by the *Constitution*, Article VI, Section 9.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) recommends establishing the Ninth Senate Review Commission following the proposed **timeline, composition, and election procedures** described below.

TIMELINE FOR ESTABLISHING THE COMMISSION AND FOR SUBMITTING REPORTS

Fall 2025

1. Establish the Ninth Senate Review Commission September 15, 2025.
2. Committee on Committees (CC) nominates, and the Senate elects, individuals to serve on the Commission in accordance with the Senate *Bylaws* and the procedures described in the Election Procedures below.

3. SEC distributes a charge letter to the individuals elected to the Commission by the Senate. The charge letter will include specific topics and/or issues for the Commission to review in addition to any identified by the Commission.

Spring 2026

1. The Commission submits its findings and recommendations in a report to SEC by April 15, 2026.
2. The Commission's report is shared with the Senate as an item of information at the Senate meeting on April 27, 2026.

Summer/Fall 2026

1. SEC prepares a written plan of action in response to each of the recommendations made by the Commission.
2. SEC shares its written plan of action as an item of information with the Senate.
3. SEC's written plan of action is implemented as prescribed.

COMPOSITION OF THE NINTH SENATE REVIEW COMMISSION

The SEC proposes a Commission composed of six (6) faculty members, two (2) academic professional members, two (2) student members, one (1) administrative member, and the Clerk of the Senate for a total of 12 members.

ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

One (1) Faculty Chair + One (1) Faculty Member

1. CC nominates two (2) faculty members.
2. SEC nominates two (2) additional faculty members.
3. Each senator votes for up to one (1) faculty nominee from among the CC and SEC nominees.
4. The faculty chair nominee receiving the highest number of votes is elected as chair and the runner-up is elected as a committee member.

Four (4) Faculty Members

1. CC nominates at least five (5) and at most seven (7) faculty members.
2. Faculty senators may nominate additional faculty members from the floor.
3. The Senate elects four (4) faculty members that are:
 - a. Members of the faculty electorate as defined in [Article II of the Senate Constitution](#).
 - b. At most two (2) from any single college or similar division.

Two (2) Academic Professional Members

1. CC nominates at least three (3) and at most four (4) academic professional members in consultation with representatives of the Council of Academic Professionals (CAP).
2. Academic professional senators may nominate additional academic professional members from the floor.
3. The Senate elects two (2) academic professional members that are:
 - a. Members of the academic professional electorate as defined in [Article III of the Senate Constitution](#).
 - b. At most one (1) academic professional from any single CAP District.

Two (2) Student Members

1. CC nominates at least three (3) and at most four (4) student members.
2. Student senators may nominate additional student members from the floor.
3. The Senate elects two (2) student members that are:
 - a. Members of the student electorate as defined by [Article IV of the Senate Constitution](#).
 - b. At most one (1) student from any single college or similar division.

One (1) Administrative Member

1. CC nominates at least two (2) and at most three (3) administrative members.
2. Administrative *ex officio* members of the Senate, as defined in [Article V of the Senate Constitution](#), may nominate additional administrative members from the floor.
3. The Senate elects one (1) administrative member holding:
 - a. A non-visiting appointment.
 - b. At least a 75% administrative appointment.

One (1) Designated Member

1. The Clerk of the Senate shall serve as a designated member of the Commission.

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