

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

SP.26.04 Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part B.3, Part B.6, Part D.1.a.8, and Part D.6.d – Chair of Committee on Committees

BACKGROUND

The Committee on Committees (CC) chair is the only standing committee chair who is not currently elected by the Senate. Unlike all other standing committee chairs, CC elects their own chair, which creates a gap in representation and continuity.

The CC chair serves as a designated member of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC). However, because the SEC traditionally meets on the first day of classes, it is often not feasible for CC to meet and elect its chair in advance of the first SEC meeting. This results in a vacancy on SEC at a time when key housekeeping items and introductions occur, which leaves the CC chair absent from important initial business.

Electing the CC chair in the same manner as other standing committee chairs would ensure consistency, eliminate delays in SEC representation, and strengthen the continuity of Senate operations at the start of each academic year.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures and the Senate Committee on Committees recommend 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 B.3 and B.6 – Senate Committees, Part D.1.a.8 – Senate**
2 **Executive Committee, and Part D.6.d – Committee on Committees**

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4 **Part B – Senate Committees**

5 3. Committee members and chairs of committees ~~other than the Committee on~~
6 ~~Committees~~ shall be elected by the Senate. Committee chairs must be elected members
7 of their committees.

8 6. The Committee on Committees shall make nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair of the
9 Senate Executive Committee, the Presiding Officer of the Senate, and for members and

10 chairs of standing and *ad hoc* committees, except for ~~members of~~ the Committee on
11 Committees itself. [...]

12 **Part D.1 – Senate Executive Committee**

13 a. Duties

14 8. Nominate members and the chair of the Committee on Committees in accordance
15 with *Bylaws*, Part D.6.c;

16 **Part D.6 – Committee on Committees**

17 ~~d. — Chair~~

18 ~~The Committee shall elect its own chair.~~

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