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

SP.26.13 Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part C – Elections and Part D.9 – Committee on Elections and Credentials

BACKGROUND
On February 9, 2026, the Senate approved SP.26.11, Delegate the Election of the 2026-2027 Student Senators to the Student Election Board (SEB), delegating the conduct of the 2026-27 student senator elections to the SEB, which has been created to supersede the Campus Student Elections Commission (CSEC). SP.26.11 also directed the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (SP) to "recommend revisions to the Senate *Bylaws* and the Senate *Election Rules for the Student Electorate* to remove references to the superseded Campus Student Elections Commission (CSEC) and revise any other language to align Senate governing documents." Revisions that replace remaining references to the CSEC with the SEB are presented below.

Additional revisions are included to improve clarity and strengthen the Senate's oversight of its delegation authority. Previously, a delegated organization could end only if the organization itself ceased to exist, as had occurred with the CSEC when it was dissolved without consultation. This revision allows the Senate to rescind a delegation directly, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials (EC).

This revision also gives EC authority to make recommendations to the Senate about the delegation of authority to conduct student elections, and, in the context of its consultation with the Council of Academic Professionals on districting and redistricting, the delegation of academic professional elections.

Finally, this revision adds an *ex officio* seat to the EC membership for the Chairperson of the Illinois Student Government Committee on Communications and Outreach or the Chairperson's designee. The ISG Communications and Outreach Committee oversees the Civic Engagement Coordinator, whose role is to promote engagement and turnout in student elections.
EC felt that regular ISG presence could provide an additional student perspective, improve communication between EC and student government, and help strengthen the working relationship between the two bodies.

RECOMMENDATION
The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends 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.

REVISION TO THE *BYLAWS,* PART C – Elections

1. Timing of Elections and Election Rules
    a. Elections of senators shall take place during the spring semester. Election of faculty senators shall take place not later than the eighth week of the spring semester.
    b. The Senate may delegate to the organization that conducts elections on behalf of the governing organizations of the student body and/or the academic professional staff the authority to conduct Senate elections concurrently with other elections that it administers~~.~~ ~~pursuant~~ Such delegation must adhere to rules established by the Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials and is subject to approval by the Senate. On the recommendation of the Committee on Elections and Credentials, the Senate may rescind the delegation of authority to conduct a Senate election.
    c. The Committee on Elections and Credentials shall establish Election Rules and Procedures, subject to approval by the Senate, by which all these elections shall be held.
2. Elections and Credentials Committee
    a. Faculty: Each college or other similar educational division shall assist the Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials in the conduct of nominations and elections of faculty senators in that college or division.
    b. Academic Professionals: The Council of Academic Professionals shall be the elections and credentials committee for the academic professional electorate described in the *Constitution*, Article III, Section 1.
    c. Students: If the Senate has authorized the ~~Campus Student Elections Commission~~ Student Election Board to conduct student Senate elections, the ~~Campus Student Elections Commission~~ Student Election Board shall be the elections and credentials committee for the student electorate described in the

Constitution, Article IV, Section 1. If the Senate does not authorize the ~~Campus Student Elections Commission~~ Student Election Board to conduct student Senate elections, each college or other similar educational division shall conduct the student elections.

REVISION TO THE *BYLAWS*, PART D.9 – Committee on Elections and Credentials

9. Committee on Elections and Credentials

a. Duties

The Committee shall be responsible for the overall supervision and conduct of all nominations and elections of senators, including:

1. Devising and maintaining election rules for each electorate~~;~~.
2. Determining faculty and student voting units~~;~~.
3. Allocating senatorial seats among faculty and student voting units~~;~~.
4. Consulting with the Student Election Board, and making recommendations to the Senate about the delegation of authority to conduct student Senate elections as needed (*Bylaws*, Part C) ~~;~~.

~~4~~5. Consulting with the Council of Academic Professionals when the Council engages in districting and redistricting of academic professionals~~;~~, making recommendations to the Senate about the delegation of authority to conduct academic professional Senate elections as needed (*Bylaws*, Part C).

~~5~~6. Ruling on questions of eligibility and interpretation of election rules~~;~~.

~~6~~7. Ensuring nominations and elections are conducted in accordance with rules and procedures~~; and~~.

~~7~~8. Certifying election results.

b. Membership

~~The committee shall consist of:~~

1. Five faculty members~~;~~.
2. One academic professional member~~;~~.
3. Two student members~~;~~.

4. The Clerk of the Senate or the Clerk's designee (*ex officio*)~~;~~.
5. The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or the Vice Chancellor's designee (*ex officio*)~~;~~.
6. The Provost or the Provost's designee (*ex officio*)~~;~~.
7. The Chair of the Council of Academic Professionals or the Chair's designee (*ex officio*)~~;~~.
8. The Chair of the ~~Campus Student Election Commission~~ Student Election Board, or the Chair's designee (*ex officio*), if the Senate exercises its option of delegating the student Senate elections process~~; and~~.
9. The Advisor to the ~~Campus Student Elections Commission~~ Student Election Board, assigned by the Office of Student Affairs, or the Advisor's designee (*ex officio*), if the Senate exercises its option of delegating the student Senate election process.
10. The Chairperson of the Illinois Student Government Committee on Communications and Outreach or the Chairperson's designee (*ex officio*).

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