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

SP.26.14 Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.1 – Senate Executive Committee

BACKGROUND
This proposed revision updates Part D.1 of the *Bylaws* governing the Senate Executive Committee (SEC). It removes an obsolete reference to the Research Policy Committee. The SEC's duties currently include reviewing nominees to the "Research Policy Committee," although that committee was removed from the *Bylaws* by SP.24.07, approved by the Senate on April 22, 2024. SP.24.07 established the Senate Committee on Research Policy (RP). The proposed revision removes the outdated reference so that the SEC's listed duties are consistent with the current committee structure.

The proposed revision also updates the membership as follows:

- The reference to Chair of "the committee which performs the statutory function of the Professional Advisory Committee Council" is updated to the Chair of the Council of Academic Professionals or the Chair's designee (lines 62-64).
- The revision changes the two named student seats to *ex officio* with vote seats. The *Bylaws* currently identify the Student Body Vice President and the Speaker of the Senate of the Illinois Student Government as members of the SEC (lines 51-52). The proposed revision establishes each position as an *ex officio* with vote seat (lines 65-68), which permits the named student to designate a substitute when the named student is unable to attend meetings. This preserves student representation and voting participation on the SEC while providing greater flexibility when the individual holding a named student leadership position cannot attend a meeting.

Lastly, the proposed revision makes minor formatting and numbering changes to improve consistency and readability of the *Bylaws*.

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 <u>underlined</u>. Adoption of amendments to the *Bylaws* requires a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

REVISION TO THE *BYLAWS,* PART D.1 – Senate Executive Committee

1. Senate Executive Committee

a. Duties

~~The Senate Executive Committee shall:~~

1. Initiate and guide the work of the Senate~~;~~.
2. Coordinate the activities of Senate committees, evaluate the functions of those committees, and conduct an annual review of the current status of ad hoc committees of the Senate, recommending appropriate action to the Senate~~;~~.
3. Prepare the agenda for Senate meetings in accordance with the *Standing Rules*~~;~~.
4. Request the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors inform the Senate Executive Committee of the formation, composition, and dissolution of any University-level committees that are of interest to the Senate and its committees~~;~~.
5. Inform the Senate periodically of such changes to University-level committees~~;~~.
6. Propose to the Senate a date and agenda for the annual meeting of the faculty and report to the faculty at that meeting (*Bylaws*, Part A.7);
7. Schedule and supervise the organizing of the Senate in accordance with Part A of these *Bylaws*~~;~~.
8. Nominate members and the chair of the Committee on Committees in accordance with *Bylaws*, Part D.6.c~~;~~.
9. Provide advice to the Chancellor on the initial appointment and annual reappointment of the Vice Chancellors as required by the *Statutes*, Article III, paragraph 1g~~;~~.
10. Provide advice to the President on the initial appointment and annual reappointment of the Chancellor as required by the *Statutes*, Article I, section 5~~;~~.
11. Review nominees to the Campus Budget Oversight Committee (CBOC)~~,~~ and Research Board~~, and Research Policy Committee;~~.

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 10~~; and~~.

13. Perform other duties as the *Statutes* or Senate shall specify.

c. Membership

~~1. The Senate Executive Committee shall consist of:~~

~~a~~1. ~~a~~ A Chair and a Vice-Chair, elected by and from the membership of the Senate, and who shall be the presiding officers of the Senate Executive Committee~~;~~.

~~b~~2. ~~t~~ The Chair of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure~~;~~.

~~c~~3. ~~t~~ The Chair of the Committee on Committees~~;~~.

~~d~~4. ~~t~~ The Chair of the Committee on Educational Policy~~;~~.

~~e~~5. ~~t~~ The Chair of the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion~~;~~.

~~f~~6. ~~t~~ The Chair of the Committee on General University Policy~~;~~.

~~g~~7. ~~t~~ The Chair of the Committee on Information Technology~~;~~.

~~h~~8. ~~t~~ The Chair of the Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures~~;~~.

~~i~~9. ~~t~~ Three faculty members elected by the Senate from among all remaining committee chairs willing to serve, elected as described in paragraph 2a~~;~~.

~~j. the Student Body Vice President and the Speaker of the Senate of the Illinois Student Government;~~

~~k~~10. ~~t~~ Two student members, including one undergraduate and one graduate or professional student, each of whom shall be elected by and from the student senators~~;~~.

~~l~~11. ~~o~~ One of the Senate's representatives to the University Senates Conference, who shall serve as a liaison between the two bodies and regularly update the Senate Executive Committee on the Conference's activities, elected as described in paragraph 2b~~;~~.

~~m~~12.~~t~~ The campus faculty member of the Faculty Advisory Council to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (*ex officio* with vote)~~;~~.

~~n~~13.~~t~~ The Chair of the ~~committee which performs the statutory function of the Professional Advisory Committee~~ Council of Academic Professionals or the Chair's designee (*ex officio* with vote)~~;~~.

14. The Student Body Vice President or the Vice President's designee (*ex officio* with vote).

15. The Speaker of Congress of the Illinois Student Government or the Speaker's designee (*ex officio* with vote).

~~o~~16.~~t~~ The Presiding Officer of the Senate or the Presiding Officer's designee (*ex officio*)~~, and~~.

~~p~~17.~~t~~ The Chancellor or the Chancellor's designee (*ex officio*).

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