

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**

University Statutes and Senate Procedures  
(Final; Action)

SP.09.09      Revision to Standing Rule 13

**BACKGROUND**

According to provisions of the University Statutes, Article VIII, changes in academic organizations, such as the creation, termination, separation, transfer, merger, or change in status (e.g., department to school) are to be made only with advice of the faculty. When the changes are to an existing unit, Article VIII, Section 2 indicates that the advice of each unit involved shall be requested. At the Urbana-Champaign campus, Standing Rule 13 of the UIUC Senate stipulates how that process is to occur.

At present, the sponsors of reorganization proposals are responsible for collecting comments and feedback. The proposed amendment would transfer that responsibility to the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EP) because in some reorganizations, some faculty may be reluctant to express their opposition to an executive officer with authority over them regarding a proposal from them. The amendment puts into the Senate Rules the practice, which EP has been following in the most recent years, of giving the campus community the opportunity to offer comments confidentially. Note that while EP will maintain the anonymity of comments when requested, it will not accept submissions without names. In addition, the amendment deletes a reference to the Budget Strategies Committee, which no longer exists.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures and the Senate Committee on Educational Policy recommend approval of the following revisions to the *Standing Rules*. Text to be deleted is indicated in [square brackets] and text to be added is underscored.

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE *STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE***

- 1            13. Formation, Termination, Separation, Transfer, Merger, Change in Status, or  
2            Renaming of Units
- 3            • A. In order to provide for active discussion of a proposal for termination,  
4            separation, transfer, merger, or change in status of any academic unit, the  
5            originator of the proposal (e.g., Dean of College, [Chair of Budget Strategies  
6            Committee,] Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs) and the Chair of the  
7            Senate Committee on Educational Policy shall, well in advance of the  
8            proposal being forwarded to the Senate, determine an appropriate forum for a  
9            public hearing and appoint a person to chair the hearing. The originator of the  
10          proposal and Chair of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (or their

11 designees) shall attend the meeting. Responsibility for providing a meeting  
12 place, publicizing the hearing, and preparing minutes[, and collecting written  
13 comments] shall rest with the originator of the proposal. The Senate  
14 Committee on Educational Policy shall be responsible for collecting written  
15 comments and assuring that all of [these] the necessary tasks are completed in  
16 an acceptable manner. Minutes shall be taken and forwarded to the Senate; a  
17 full transcription of the hearing is not necessary. The chair of the hearing  
18 shall encourage presenters to provide written comments that shall be  
19 forwarded to the Senate.

- 20 • B. In any proposal for the formation or change in academic organization  
21 (such as, termination, separation, transfer, merger, change in status, or  
22 renaming) of an academic unit, as provided in the University Statutes, Article  
23 VIII, the advice of the faculty at each level (e.g., department, school, college,  
24 as applicable) shall be taken and recorded by vote of the faculty. Voting shall  
25 be as provided in the bylaws of each unit. The vote shall be reported to the  
26 Senate by the Committee on Educational Policy when the proposed change is  
27 considered by the Senate.

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