

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures
(Final; Action)

SP.14.06 Proposed Revisions to the *Statutes*, Article XIII, Section 8 – to authorize the University Senates Conference or the President to initiate revisions to the *Statutes*

BACKGROUND

On December 11, 2017, the UIUC Senate passed a proposed set of revisions to the *University Statutes* governing amendments to those *Statutes*. These were similar, but not identical, to proposed amendments adopted by the Senate at the Springfield campus. Similar amendments proposed to the Chicago Senate were defeated there.

The University Senates Conference (USC), in accordance with its charge, and with the cooperation of members of all three senates, set out to develop a version of the proposal that would be acceptable to the three senates. The result was a new text, which your Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP) has examined carefully, and has compared to the proposal passed by the UIUC Senate in December. USSP is satisfied that, except for extremely minor formatting of paragraph and subparagraph numbers, it is an acceptable edit of the previous text approved by the UIUC Senate.

The principal differences between the current proposal and the one adopted by the Senate in December, other than formatting, are:

- The first paragraph (lines 5-8) is new, and serves to summarize the sources of proposed amendments to the *Statutes*.
- There are now separate subsections (lines 41 and 67) for initiation by USC and by the President, both with wording that mirrors that of the subsection for initiation by a senate.
- A new sentence (lines 103-107) has been added to the subsection on initiation by the Board of Trustees, mirroring similar wording in the other subsections, and clearly providing that each Senate has the right to offer amended wording for any proposal.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends approval of the following revisions to the *Statutes*, Article XIII, Section 8, without further amendments. This same text has been forwarded by USC to the Springfield and Chicago senates. If passed by all three senates, USC will send it to the President for consideration by the Board of Trustees.

Text to be added is underscored and text to be deleted is indicated by ~~strikeout~~ (e.g., ~~sample text for deletion~~).

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE STATUTES, ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 8

2 ARTICLE XIII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

3 Section 8. Amendments

4 a. Initiation of amendment

5 Proposed amendments to the Statutes can be initiated by a Senate, the University
6 Senates Conference, the President, or the Board of Trustees. In the case of
7 proposals initiated by a Senate, the University Senates Conference, or the President,
8 the process of review is the same. Specific procedures for each entity are below.

9 (1) Initiation by a Senate

10 Each of the senates ~~by vote of a majority of all members present and voting at a~~
11 ~~regular or special meeting~~ may propose amendments to these *Statutes*. ~~No final~~
12 ~~senate action shall be taken on a proposed amendment until the next meeting~~
13 ~~following the one at which it was introduced.~~ Each senate may act on the
14 proposed amendment in accord with its own established procedures, including
15 the right to concur, to modify, or to reject any proposed amendment or
16 proposed statutory text. Final action in each senate on the proposed
17 amendment may be taken by a majority of all members present and voting at a
18 regular or special meeting held not earlier than the next meeting following the
19 one at which it was introduced in that senate. ~~The secretary of a senate shall~~
20 ~~notify the secretary of the other senates and the secretary of the University~~
21 ~~Senates Conference of the text of a proposed amendment promptly after the~~
22 ~~meeting at which it is introduced.~~

23 The proposed amendment shall be referred to the University Senates
24 Conference for its consideration and transmission to the other senates for
25 action; the conference may append its comments and recommendations. The
26 proposed amendment shall be placed promptly on the agenda of the other
27 senates.

28 If every senate acts affirmatively on the proposed amendment and concurs as to
29 its text, the conference shall send the proposed amendment to the president for
30 transmission to the Board of Trustees and shall simultaneously notify the
31 senates of its action; the conference may append its comments. If the senates do
32 not agree as to the proposed amendment, the conference shall endeavor to
33 promote agreement of the senates. Where agreement cannot be effected among
34 all the senates within a reasonable period of time, but the text of a proposed
35 amendment has been agreed upon by all but one of the senates, the conference
36 shall send that proposed amendment, the recommendations of the dissenting
37 senate, and its own recommendations to the president for transmission to the
38 Board of Trustees and shall simultaneously notify the senates of its action. A
39 senate may record and send its further comments to the president for
40 transmission to the Board of Trustees.

41 (2) Initiation by the University Senates Conference

42 The University Senates Conference by vote of a majority of all members present
43 and voting at a regular or special meeting may propose amendments to these
44 Statutes. The proposed amendment shall be transmitted to the senates for such
45 action as each of them shall see fit; the conference may append its comments.

46 The proposed amendment shall be placed promptly on the agenda of each
47 senate. Each senate may act on the proposed amendment in accord with its
48 own established procedures, including the right to concur, to modify, or to
49 reject any proposed amendment or proposed statutory text. Final action in
50 each senate on the proposed amendment may be taken by a majority of all
51 members present and voting at a regular or special meeting held not earlier
52 than the next meeting following the one at which it was introduced in that
53 senate.

54 If every senate acts affirmatively on the proposed amendment and concurs as to
55 its text, the conference shall send the proposed amendment to the president for
56 transmission to the Board of Trustees and shall simultaneously notify the
57 senates of its action; the conference may append its comments. If the senates do
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60 all the senates within a reasonable period of time, but the text of a proposed
61 amendment has been agreed upon by all but one of the senates, the conference
62 shall send that proposed amendment, the recommendations of the dissenting
63 senate, and its own recommendations to the president for transmission to the
64 Board of Trustees and shall simultaneously notify the senates of its action. A
65 senate may record and send its further comments to the president for
66 transmission to the Board of Trustees.

67 (3) Initiation by the President

68 The President may propose amendments to these Statutes and refer them to the
69 University Senates Conference for its consideration, comment, and
70 transmission to the senates for action. The proposed amendment shall be
71 transmitted to the senates for such action as each of them shall see fit; the
72 conference may append its comments.

73 The proposed amendment shall be placed promptly on the agenda of each
74 senate. Each senate may act on the proposed amendment in accord with its
75 own established procedures, including the right to concur, to modify, or to
76 reject any proposed amendment or proposed statutory text. Final action in
77 each senate on the proposed amendment may be taken by a majority of all
78 members present and voting at a regular or special meeting held not earlier
79 than the next meeting following the one at which it was introduced in that
80 senate.

81 If every senate acts affirmatively on the proposed amendment and concurs as to
82 its text, the conference shall send the proposed amendment to the president for
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84 senates of its action; the conference may append its comments. If the senates do
85 not agree as to the proposed amendment, the conference shall endeavor to
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88 amendment has been agreed upon by all but one of the senates, the conference
89 shall send that proposed amendment, the recommendations of the dissenting
90 senate, and its own recommendations to the president for transmission to the
91 Board of Trustees and shall simultaneously notify the senates of its action. A
92 senate may record and send its further comments to the president for
93 transmission to the Board of Trustees.

94 (4) Initiation by the Board of Trustees

95 The Board of Trustees may initiate proposals to amend the *Statutes*, but the
96 board shall not finally adopt any such proposal without first seeking the advice
97 of the president, the senates, and the University Senates Conference. Any
98 proposal to amend the *Statutes* which is initiated by the Board of Trustees shall
99 be transmitted through the president to the University Senates Conference and
100 transmitted by the conference, with its recommendations, to the senates for
101 consideration and advice.

102 The proposed amendment shall be placed promptly on the agenda of each of
103 the senates. Each senate may act on the proposed amendment in accord with
104 its own established procedures, including the right to concur, to modify, or to
105 reject any proposed amendment or proposed statutory text. Final action in
106 each senate on the proposed amendment may be taken by a majority of all
107 members present and voting at a regular or special meeting.

108 If the senates do not agree in their advice concerning the proposed amendment,
109 the conference shall endeavor to promote agreement; where agreement cannot
110 be achieved within a reasonable period of time, the conference shall send the
111 advice of the senates and its own recommendations to the president for
112 transmission to the Board of Trustees and shall simultaneously notify the
113 senates of its action. A senate may record and send its further comments to the
114 president for transmission to the Board of Trustees.

115 b. An amendment shall become effective when approved by the Board of Trustees or
116 at such later time as the board may specify.

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