

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

University Statutes and Senate Procedures  
(Final; Action)

SP.14.10 Proposed Revisions to *Election Rules for the Student Electorate*

**BACKGROUND**

The current Senate procedure for replacement of a graduate student senator (*Election Rules for the Student Electorate*, 16.3.iii) requires the advice and consent of the Illinois Student Senate’s Subcommittee on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs. This clause is a holdover from a time when the subcommittee was granted greater prominence within the Student Senate’s committee structure and served as the sole selector of replacement graduate student senators.

While this procedure has performed well in the past, the subcommittee membership was not appointed this year by the Student Body President – a power granted exclusively to that office by the Student Senate’s constitution. The lack of a subcommittee has left the Standing Committee on Internal Affairs unable to select replacement graduate senators, despite a pool of willing applicants.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends approval of the following revisions to *Election Rules for the Student Electorate*. Text to be added is underscored and text to be deleted is indicated by ~~strikeout~~ (e.g., ~~sample text for deletion~~).

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO *ELECTION RULES FOR THE STUDENT ELECTORATE***

- 1 **16. Resignations and Vacancies**
- 2 16.3 *Vacancies*. A vacant student Senate seat may be filled by appointment by the Illinois
- 3 Student Senate. In selecting the replacement for a student senator, priority should be given, in
- 4 descending order, to:
- 5 (i) The first runner-up (if any) in the appropriate election unit;
- 6 (ii) The successive runners-up (if any) in the appropriate election unit; and
- 7 (iii) candidate(s) selected in a search conducted by the Illinois Student Senate’s Standing
- 8 Committee on Internal Affairs in consultation with the Clerk of the Senate, ~~and as to~~
- 9 ~~graduate representatives with the advice and consent of the Committee on Graduate and~~
- 10 ~~Professional Student Affairs.~~ In the case of graduate student vacancies, the Committee on
- 11 Internal Affairs must seek the advice and consent of the Subcommittee on Graduate and
- 12 Professional Student Affairs or of the USSP, when the former has not been constituted.

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