

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

University Statutes and Senate Procedures
(Final; Action)

SP.96.03 Formation of a New Senate Committee on Research Policy, *Bylaws*, Part D.18

BACKGROUND

The primary missions of the University are teaching, research, and public service. Until now the Senate has had committees that review, oversee, and recommend policy in several areas. Among these are educational policy and continuing education and public service. The Senate has relied on the Research Board to do the same for research policy. The General University Policy Committee and several previous Senate Review Commissions have recommended that the Senate should have its own committee on Research Policy. This Research Policy Committee would advise the Senate, the faculty, and the administration on matters of interest related to the research mission of the University. Research policy concerns the faculty, the campus and the University. Research policy is closely related to the other two missions. It is important that curricula and methods of teaching are based on the most current knowledge in a field. The importance of research to the broad view of public service is also obvious.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends approval of the formation of a new Research Policy Committee and the following revisions to the *Bylaws*. In the amendments below, text to be added is underlined.

1 REVISIONS TO THE *BYLAWS* PART D.18

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3 18. Committee on Research Policy

4 (a) Duties

5 The Committee shall advise the Senate on matters of research and represent the research
6 interests of the faculty. These shall include external research policy for proposals
7 authored by faculty members to outside agencies, internal research policy for the
8 distribution of funds for research support of the faculty, and any other matters that shall
9 be brought forward for consideration by faculty and administration. Advice on research
10 policy shall be given to the Senate as required.

11 (b) Membership

12 The Committee shall consist of:

- 13 1. Nine faculty members, with no more than one member from any one college,
14 school, institute, division or other unit,

- 15 2. Two student members, at least one of whom is a graduate or professional
16 student,
17 3. The Vice Chancellor for Research or the Vice Chancellor's designee (*ex officio*),
18 4. The Dean of the Graduate College or the Dean's designee (*ex officio*),
19 5. The Provost or the Provost's designee (*ex officio*),
20 6. A faculty member of the campus Research Board chosen by the Research Board
21 (*ex officio*).

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23 Renumber remaining sections.

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Proposal for UIUC Research Policy Committee and the UIUC Senate Role

(Substitute motion for SP.96.03 – Senator Robert Rich, sponsor)

1. There will be one Research Policy Committee at UIUC and it shall be appointed by the Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR).
2. This committee would consist of fifteen members, one member is the chair appointed by the VCR in consultation with the Senate. One member is a representative from the Campus Research Board appointed from among the members of the Board by the VCR. This member will serve as a liaison between the Board and the committee. One member is the Dean of the Graduate College. The remaining members will serve two year terms, six members being appointed each year, five from a pool of nominees provided by the Senate and one appointed directly by the VCR. Normally a member can serve for only two consecutive terms.
3. Of the five members appointed each year from a pool of nominees, one shall be a graduate student. The UIUC Senate, with advice from its Committee on Committees, will be responsible for providing nominations for these five slots, with the student senators consulting on the nominees for the student position. The Committee on Committees will provide eight nominations for the four faculty slots. The full Senate will vote to approve the nominations. Upon receiving these nominations, the VCR will select the five members of the Research Policy Committee who serve for a two-year term of office. It is understood that the members of the committee will represent the breadth and depth of the UIUC campus.
4. It is understood that the Chair of the Research Policy Committee will make a report to Senate Council on the activities of this committee three times a year and will make a report to the full Senate annually.
5. The committee will advise the Chancellor, the VCR, and the Senate on matters of research policy.
6. In the first year of implementation, about half of the appointed members will be appointed for a one year term so that proper rotation will be in effect after the first full year of operation.