

KEY PASSAGES FROM THE UNIVERSITY STATUTES

“The president is the chief executive officer of the University and a member of the faculty of each college, school, institute, division, and academic unit therein.” (Article I, Section 2)

“The chancellor, under the direction of the president, shall serve as the chief executive officer for the campus. The chancellor shall perform such duties as may be delegated and assigned by the president and as may be consistent with the Statutes of the University, The General Rules, and actions of the Board of Trustees.” (*Statutes* Article I, Section 5)

KEY PASSAGES FROM THE GENERAL RULES

“The University and the Campus. The role of the University of Illinois in the state as a leader in public graduate and professional education rests upon its organic wholeness. It is not a loose federation of universities, nor is it a system of totally independent units. The mission to which the University is committed, and upon which its development thus far has been based, starts with an emphasis on the fundamental responsibility of the University as a whole. The specific contributions that each campus makes to the University's mission are diverse, since they reflect the needs and methodologies appropriate to different settings; but the campuses are alike in the broad nature of their public responsibilities, in their basic educational policies, and in their institutional quality; and they are integrated by a University-wide organization designed to maximize their educational effectiveness and the efficient use of their academic resources.” (*General Rules, Article I, Section 1*)

“The campuses of the University of Illinois share common goals, even though each makes a highly differentiated contribution to the University's mission. The campuses are assisted and strengthened by intercampus cooperation and by University-wide services, while carrying out their academic functions with a high degree of delegated authority. The campuses are expected to achieve intercampus cooperation, to avoid unnecessary duplication, and to develop missions responsible to their particular orientation and setting, and to build upon and to foster faculty and staff strengths and initiatives. The campuses are encouraged to operate at qualitatively equivalent levels, even though each of them provides different services for varied clientele.” (*General Rules, Article I, Section 1*)

“ In addition to the president, the University officers are the vice presidents, including the vice president for academic affairs, the vice president/chief financial officer, the vice president for technology and economic development, the chancellors, the university counsel, the secretary of the University, all of whom report directly to the president, and such additional administrative officers as shall be designated by the president after consultation with the University Senates Conference. Prior to recommending to the Board of Trustees the initial appointment of any university officer except for the president and the chancellors, the president shall seek the advice of the University Senates Conference.” (*General Rules, Article I, Section 2, 8b*)

“© Functioning under authority delegated by the president, the vice president for academic affairs is the senior academic officer of the University, serving as advisor to the president on matters of educational policy, academic programs, academic personnel actions, capital and operating budget developments, including the establishment of criteria for judgments as to priorities for resource allocation; and on such other matters as the president may designate. The vice president for academic affairs is responsible for the overall coordination of planning and budgeting at the University and also works closely with academic leaders on each campus and with other University officers to assist in the advancement of academic programs and to ensure overall coordination.” (*General Rules, Article I, Section 2, 8c*)

“(d) Reporting directly to the president, the vice president for technology and economic development is the senior officer of the University serving as an advisor to the president on matters of intellectual property, technology commercialization, and related economic development activities. The vice president for technology and economic development is responsible for coordinating and managing the

University's technology commercialization and related economic development initiatives including relevant offices, policies, and programs,” (*General Rules, Article I, Section 2, 8d*)

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES (*Article XIII Section 8*)

“a. Initiation by a Senate. Each of the senates by vote of a majority of all members present and voting at a regular or special meeting may propose amendments to these Statutes. No final senate action shall be taken on a proposed amendment until the next meeting following the one at which it was introduced. The secretary of a senate shall notify the secretary of the other senates and the secretary of the University Senates Conference of the text of a proposed amendment promptly after the meeting at which it is introduced. The proposed amendment shall be referred to the University Senates Conference for its consideration and transmission to the other senates for action; the conference may append its comments and recommendations.”

“The proposed amendment shall be placed promptly on the agenda of the other senates. If every senate acts affirmatively on the proposed amendment and concurs as to its text, the conference shall send the proposed amendment to the president for transmission to the Board of Trustees and shall simultaneously notify the senates of its action; the conference may append its comments. If the senates do not agree as to the proposed amendment, the conference shall endeavor to promote agreement of the senates. Where agreement cannot be effected among all senates within a reasonable period of time, but the text of a proposed amendment has been agreed upon by all but one of the senates, the conference shall send that proposed amendment, the recommendations of the dissenting senate, and its own recommendations to the president for transmission to the Board of Trustees and shall simultaneously notify the senates of its action. A senate may record and send its further comments to the president for transmission to the Board of Trustees.”

“b. Initiation by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees may initiate proposals to amend the Statutes, but the board shall not finally adopt any such proposal without first seeking the advice of the president, the senates, and the University Senates Conference. Any proposal to amend the Statutes which is initiated by the Board of Trustees shall be transmitted through the president to the University Senates Conference and transmitted by the conference, with its recommendations, to the senates for consideration and advice. The proposed amendment shall be placed promptly on the agenda of each of the senates. If the senates do not agree in their advice concerning the proposed amendment, the conference shall endeavor to promote agreement; where agreement cannot be achieved within a reasonable period of time, the conference shall send the advice of the senates and its own recommendations to the president for transmission to the Board of Trustees and shall simultaneously notify the senates of its action. A senate may record and send its further comments to the president for transmission to the Board of Trustees.”

AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL RULES (*Article VII*)

“The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure document supplements and is subordinate to the University of Illinois Statutes. In the event of conflict between the provision of the General Rules and the Statutes, the Statutes shall prevail.”

“The General Rules are adopted by the Board of Trustees acting on the advice of the president of the University. The board may make changes in The General Rules after consultation with the president of the University. Before providing such advice or consultation, the president shall consult with the University Senates Conference, which shall give due regard to the provisions of Article XII, Section 5 of the University of Illinois Statutes. However, consultation with the conference is not required when because of exceptional circumstances a proposed action of the Board of Trustees would authorize a deviation from The General Rules for a specific transaction.”