UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

University Statutes and Senate Procedures (First Reading; Information)

SP.11.10 Proposed Revision to the *Constitution*, Article IV, Section 5 – Student Senators Terms of Office

BACKGROUND

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The *Senate Constitution* is silent about the commencement of the terms of student senators. Similar provisions for faculty and Other Academic Staff specify that senate terms commence at the beginning of the next academic year. Commensurate with standing practice, this proposal would synchronize the beginning of the terms of all three electorates of the Senate.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends approval of the following revisions to the *Constitution*. Text to be added is <u>underscored</u>.

PROPOSED REVISION TO THE CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 5

15. The terms of senators elected from the student electorate shall be one year,2commencing at the beginning of the next academic year, with a maximum of six3consecutive terms. Unless the Senate provides otherwise, special elections shall not4be held to fill vacancies.

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