

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**

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

SP.12.09, Re-Authorizing the Campus Student Election Commission to Conduct Student Senator Elections

BACKGROUND

In October of 2011, the Illinois Student Senate passed Resolution IA.2011.05, which created an ad-hoc committee on student elections. This committee was charged with evaluating the status of student elections on campus, including inconsistencies between Student Senate policies and the Student Election Code.

The *Senate Election Rules for the Student Electorate* outlines two processes by which the election of student senators may be conducted. First, college election and credentials committees may conduct the election of student senators from their respective students. Second, the USSP and the Senate may authorize the Student Election Commission (now the Campus Student Election Commission) to conduct the election. For at least the past twenty years, the Student Election Commission has conducted student elections.

During the course of the committee's investigation, it was discovered through discussion with former Senate Clerk Bob Damrau that authorization of the Student Election Commission to conduct student elections was granted over twenty years ago, and has not been reviewed or renewed since. Senate records do not include a copy of this authorization.

The Student Senate's committee on student elections conducted a review of the relationship between the ISS, the UIUC Senate, and the Student Election Commission, and determined that it would be appropriate to continue the relationship and authorization of the Commission to conduct student elections. Additionally, the committee recommended that authorization be renewed by the UIUC Senate. The Illinois Student Senate concurred, through the passage of IA.2012.02.

The Illinois Student Senate, by way of ISS Resolution IA.2012.02, requests the UIUC Senate vote on the endorsement of the resolution included below.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends approval of the following re-authorization of the Campus Student Election Commission to conduct student senator elections.

PROPOSED RE-AUTHORIZATION OF THE CAMPUS STUDENT ELECTION COMMISSION

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- 2 Resolved, that the Campus Student Election Commission be empowered to conduct
- 3 Student Senator Elections under the authorities laid out in the *Senate Election Rules*
- 4 *for the Student Electorate*, while remaining subject to the rules and regulations of
- 5 the UIUC Senate and the Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures,
- 6 and let it further be
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- 8 Resolved, that this authorization shall remain in effect unless action is taken by the
- 9 Senate or the Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures, and let it
- 10 finally be
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- 12 Resolved, that the relationship between the Campus Student Election Commission
- 13 and the Senate be reviewed and periodically renewed by the Committee on
- 14 University Statutes Senate Procedures.

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