

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures
(Final; Action)

SP.18.16 Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.1 – Senate Executive Committee and Part F.2 – Faculty Advisory Council to the Board of Higher Education

BACKGROUND

The first proposed change to the *Bylaws* concerns the election method for the three at-large seats on Senate Executive Committee (SEC). The proposed change would allow for one vote rather than a two-step vote if there are five or fewer committee chairs willing to serve. This would obviate the need for the Senate to vote twice on the same ballot if only five or fewer committee chairs were willing to serve on the SEC.

The proposed change to the SEC membership would preclude SEC members from holding more than one seat on SEC at any given time. Because quorum is based on the number of voting seats on a committee rather than the number of members filling seats, absences, especially among members holding more than one voting seat, can adversely affect the committee's ability to meet quorum requirements. Likewise, having members holding more than one seat can limit the number of viewpoints on the SEC and thus be detrimental to the work of the Committee and the Senate as a whole. Therefore, the proposed change would require identifying a replacement for any SEC member holding more than one seat for all but one of their seats. The replacement would serve for the remainder of the academic year with the same rights as other members of the SEC. The replacement would be nominated by the Senate Committee on Committees from among the elected members of the body the seat is representing, and elected by the full Senate.

Because there is no Senate-elected body available with members to serve as potential replacements, the campus faculty member of the Faculty Advisory Council to the Board of Higher Education (FAC-IBHE) would have to retain this seat and thus should also be precluded from serving as the SEC Chair or Vice-Chair during the faculty member's term as FAC-IBHE representative. Accordingly, a revision to the eligibility of the campus faculty member of the FAC-IBHE is also included in this proposal.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends that the Senate approve the following amendment to the *Bylaws*, Part D.1. Text to be added is underscored and text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE *BYLAWS* PART D.1 – Senate Executive Committee

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1. Senate Executive Committee

b. Membership

1. The Senate Executive Committee shall be composed of 16 members consisting of:

- 5 a. a Chair and a Vice-Chair, elected by ballot by and from among the membership
6 of the Senate, who shall be the presiding officers of the Senate Executive
7 Committee,
- 8 b. the Chair of the Committee on Committees,
- 9 c. the Chair of the Educational Policy Committee,
- 10 d. the Chair of the General University Policy Committee,
- 11 e. the Chair of the Information Technology Committee,
- 12 f. the Chair of the University Statutes and Senate Procedures Committee,
- 13 g. three members elected by the Senate from a slate consisting of all remaining
14 committee chairs willing to serve, with a runoff among the five candidates
15 receiving the most votes (if there are more than five candidates), and additional
16 candidates if tied for fifth place,
- 17 h. three students, including at least one undergraduate and at least one graduate or
18 professional student, all of whom shall be elected by and from among the
19 student senators,
- 20 i. one of the Senate's representatives to the University Senates Conference, elected
21 by the Senate to serve on the Executive Committee,
- 22 j. the campus faculty member of the Faculty Advisory Council to the Board of
23 Higher Education *ex officio* with vote, and
- 24 k. the Chair of the committee which performs the statutory function of the
25 Professional Advisory Committee or the Chair's designee *ex officio* with vote.

26 2. No person shall hold more than one seat on the Senate Executive Committee concurrently.
27 In the event that a person qualifies for more than one seat concurrently, the list below shall be
28 followed sequentially to select a replacement for each seat but one.

29 a. If the Senate Executive Committee Chair or Vice-Chair qualifies for more than
30 one seat, that person must retain their seat as the Senate Executive Committee Chair
31 or Vice-Chair. The concurrent seat shall be filled by an elected member of that body,
32 nominated by the Committee on Committees, and elected by the Senate.

33 b. If the campus faculty member of the Faculty Advisory Council to the Board of
34 Higher Education qualifies for more than one seat, that person must retain their seat
35 as the campus faculty member of the Faculty Advisory Council to the Board of
36 Higher Education. The concurrent seat shall be filled by an elected member of that
37 body, nominated by the Committee on Committees, and elected by the Senate.

38 c. If a committee chair or the Senate's representative to the University Senates
39 Conference qualifies for more than one seat, that person shall select which seat shall
40 be retained. The concurrent seat shall be filled by an elected member or
41 representative of that committee or body, nominated by the Committee on
42 Committees, and elected by the Senate.

43 All replacements shall be full members of the Senate Executive Committee in their own right.
44 Replacement representatives to the Senate Executive Committee under this provision shall
45 remain seated until the end of the academic year.

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47 **PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE *BYLAWS* PART F.2 – Faculty Advisory Council to**
48 **the Board of Higher Education**

49 **2. Faculty Advisory Council to the Board of Higher Education.** The campus has one
50 faculty member of the Council who (a) is elected by the Senate for a four-year term starting
51 July 1, (b) shall report to the Senate at least once each academic year, and (c) shall be a
52 member of the Senate Executive Committee *ex officio* with vote. To conform with the Senate
53 Executive Committee membership criteria (*Bylaws*, D.1(b)2), the faculty member shall not
54 concurrently serve as Chair or Vice-Chair of the Senate Executive Committee. The Chair of
55 the Senate Executive Committee shall designate an alternate to the Council when necessary.

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