UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

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

SP.19.10   Revision to *Standing Rule* 15 – Use of Electronic Clickers in the Senate

BACKGROUND
Secret ballots are not allowed based on Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA) case law and without a show of hands along with electronic clickers, the votes would be considered secret. As part of its audit of the Senate's policies and procedures, the Office of University Audits suggested adding a show of hands along with using the electronic clickers to be compliant with OMA.

RECOMMENDATION
The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends that the Senate approve the following amendment to *Standing Rule* 15. Text to be added is underscored and text to be deleted is struck through.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO *STANDING RULE* **15 – Use of Electronic Clickers in the Senate**

1   **15. Use of Electronic Clickers in the Senate**

2   A. Except in instances where there are technical barriers, non-procedural votes shall be
3   taken by electronic clickers along with a show of hands.

4   B. In the absence of opposition to a routine procedural motion, votes may be recorded by
5   unanimous consent. However, if consent is not unanimous, the motion must be voted on
6   by electronic clickers along with a show of hands. Examples of routine procedural
7   motions include the granting of floor privileges, approval of the minutes, closing
8   nominations, and elections in which there are no more candidates than positions to be
9   filled.

10   C. If the presiding officer of the Senate meeting senses a lack of opposition to a motion,
11   the presiding officer may propose the motion for unanimous consent. However, if
12   consent is not unanimous, the motion must be voted on by electronic clickers along with
13   a show of hands.

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