

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS & CREDENTIALS
(Final; Action)

EC.20.03 Participation of Emeriti in the Senate and Senate Committees

BACKGROUND

The Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials Committee (EC) was charged with examining Recommendation #1 from the Eighth Senate Review Commission Report.

Specifically, that recommendation states:

#1 REVIEW THE PARTICIPATION OF EMERITI IN THE SENATE AND ITS COMMITTEES

The recent governance audit noted the participation of emeriti as a topic of review in two of the past three Review Commission reports (XSR.00.03, Final Report of the Fifth Senate Review Commission, and XSR.15.01, Report of the Seventh Senate Review Commission), yet the topic never reached the full Senate as a discussion or as part of an actionable proposal. The SR recommends holding a Committee of the Whole Discussion (COTW) at a Senate meeting to discuss the role of emeriti in the Senate and on Senate committees. An informational document, created by SEC and included in the meeting packet, could start the COTW discussion with suggested paths forward. Those paths could include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Confirm the current emeriti participation.
- 2) Allow emeriti to serve only as senators, but not serve on committees.
- 3) Allow emeriti to serve on committees, but not serve as senators.
- 4) Allow emeriti to serve only on certain committees, but not as senators.
- 5) Limit emeriti service on committees, and allow emeriti to serve as senators.

EC discussed Recommendation #1 at its meetings on September 11, 2019 and October 2, 2019, and data detailing the numbers of emeriti faculty serving on the Senate and its committees were examined (see Appendix A).

The attached data shows that the total number of emeriti faculty serving as senators ranged from 6-9 and as members on Senate committees from 4-10. With total Senate membership ranging from 277-281 during this same period of time, the total percentage of emeriti faculty serving as senators and on its committees represents approximately 3.25% of the overall population.

There was unanimous agreement by the committee that participation of emeriti faculty in the Senate provides an important contribution to the University because emeriti faculty provide institutional memory and invaluable experience, and represent another faction of the faculty.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials recommends the Senate confirm the current practice of including emeriti faculty in the faculty electorate; therefore remaining eligible to vote and serve in the Senate and remaining eligible to serve on committees of the Senate.

ELECTIONS AND CREDENTIALS

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APPENDIX A

<u>2018-2019</u>	Total Committee Members	225	Total Senate Seats	281
	Emeritus Committee Members	4	Emeritus Senators	6

Elections and Credentials...1 emeritus member out of 5 faculty members
Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits...2 emeritus members out of 5 non-emeritus faculty members and 1 emeritus faculty member

The *Bylaws* were revised on April 30, 2018 to include 5 non-emeritus faculty members and 1 emeritus faculty member...when the term ended for the current emeritus filling a non-emeritus role, it was filled with a non-emeritus faculty member

University Statutes and Senate Procedures...1 member out of 5 faculty members

<u>2017-2018</u>	Total Committee Members	223	Total Senate Seats	277
	Emeritus Committee Members	9	Emeritus Senators	9

Conference on Conduct Governance...1 emeritus member out of 6 faculty members
Elections and Credentials...1 emeritus member out of 5 faculty members
Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits...3 emeritus members out of 5 faculty members and 1 emeritus faculty member
Honorary Degrees...1 emeritus member out of 5 faculty members
Information Technology...1 emeritus member out of 8 faculty members
Library...1 emeritus member out of 9 faculty members
University Statutes and Senate Procedures...1 emeritus member out of 5 faculty members

<u>2016-2017</u>	Total Committee Members	220	Total Senate Seats	277
	Emeritus Committee Members	10	Emeritus Senators	9

Conference on Conduct Governance...1 emeritus member out of 6 faculty members
Educational Policy...1 emeritus member out of 13 faculty members
Elections and Credentials...1 emeritus member out of 5 faculty members
Faculty and Academic Staff Benefits...3 emeritus members out of 5 faculty members and 1 emeritus faculty member
Honorary Degrees...1 emeritus member out of 5 faculty members
Information Technology...1 emeritus member out of 8 faculty members, also served as committee chair (Emeritus status was granted halfway through the academic year 11/16/2016)
Library...1 emeritus member out of 9 faculty members
University Statutes and Senate Procedures...1 emeritus member out of 5 faculty members