

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND CREDENTIALS
(Final; Information)

EC.20.10 2019-2020 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials

This report summarizes the activities of the Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials (EC) during the 2019-2020 academic year. EC met on September 11, 2019, October 2, 2019, November 13, 2019 and December 11, 2019. More detailed information is provided in the minutes of those meetings.

I. ITEMS APPROVED BY SENATE

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

The Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials was charged with examining Recommendation #1 from the Eighth Senate Review Commission Report. The EC concluded that emeriti participation in the Senate and on Senate committees was valuable, provided institutional memory, and should remain unchanged. This item was approved by the Senate on February 10, 2020.

EC.20.05, Review to the *Bylaws*, Part D.9 – Committee on Elections and Credentials

The committee reviewed and made minor changes to its *Bylaws*. Approved by the Senate on February 10, 2020.

II. ITEMS REPORTED TO THE SENATE

EC.20.01, Faculty, Academic Professional and Student Electorate, and Senator Distribution
Report submitted at the Organizational Meeting on April 29, 2019.

EC.20.02, 2019-2020 Urbana-Champaign Senate Membership
Report submitted at the Organizational Meeting on April 29, 2019.

III. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

EC.20.04, Potential Membership Restriction on Elections and Credentials

USSP has had an inquiry about potentially limiting the committee membership of Elections and Credentials to require that members of the committee be sitting senators while they are serving on the committee. Based on a number of factors, such as the difficulty of finding qualified individuals who are interested in serving, and that some members continue their two-year service on the committee during a year in which their term limits have expired, the EC recommended no changes be made to add restrictions to the EC membership.

EC.20.06, Student Election Timeline

There is ongoing discussion related to whether the student election timeline should be changed to better accommodate student needs. Due to the complexity of the issue the current timeline will continue for the 2020 elections but further discussion will continue.

EC.20.07, Student Apportionment

The EC continues to discuss instances where it is not clear in which voting unit some students should reside.

EC.20.08, Carle Illinois College of Medicine Election Unit

The EC continues to discuss whether a Senate seat should be added for faculty and students in the Carle Illinois College of Medicine and how this might impact overall apportionment.

EC.20.09, Center for Translation Studies Election Unit

The EC was asked to determine if the Center for Translation Studies should qualify for a Senate seat based on its current composition.

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