

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

EC.20.06 Revision to the *Election Rules for the Student Electorate*, Section 5 – Conducting Elections

BACKGROUND

This revision proposes that the election of students to the Senate be completed three weeks prior to the organizational meeting rather than prior to spring break. The adjusted timeline would allow for greater engagement and recruitment of students to serve within the shared governance system. This is a much more flexible schedule and will also tend to avoid any problems with conflicting holidays that may occur.

The appendix contains the dates for the spring 2021 student elections in accordance with the following proposed revisions.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials recommends the approval of the following revisions to the *Election Rules for the Student Electorate*. Text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~ and text to be added is underlined.

REVISION TO THE *ELECTION RULES FOR THE STUDENT ELECTORATE*, SECTION 5 – Conducting Elections

- 1 5.2 *Time of Elections*. Elections for the Colleges of Law, Medicine, and Veterinary Medicine
- 2 shall be conducted by those colleges at such times as shall be specified by the EC. The
- 3 election of all other student senators shall be held at such times as shall be specified by
- 4 the EC unless the Senate authorizes the Campus Student Election Commission (CSEC)
- 5 established by the Illinois Student Government Constitution to conduct the election of
- 6 student senators concurrently with the other student elections the CSEC conducts. Such
- 7 authorization, which does not extend to the Colleges of Law, Medicine, and Veterinary
- 8 Medicine, must be given by the Senate no later than the last regularly scheduled meeting
- 9 of the spring semester for the following year's elections. Once given, this authorization

10 will remain in force unless it is rescinded by the Senate; such action must take place no
11 later than the last regularly scheduled meeting of the spring semester to be effective for
12 the following year's elections. ~~If the CSEC is authorized to conduct student Senate~~
13 ~~elections and agrees to do so, the election shall be held in the week containing the first~~
14 ~~Monday in March. If this week contains a general campus holiday, the election shall be~~
15 ~~held in the preceding week. If the preceding week also contains a general University~~
16 ~~holiday, the election shall be held in the week containing the second Monday in March.~~
17 The student elections shall be completed no fewer than three weeks prior to the
18 organizational meeting of the Senate.

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20 ~~5.3 Senate Approval of Changes in CSEC Election Calendar. If for any reason CSEC conducted~~
21 ~~Senate elections cannot be held in accordance with the above schedule, the CSEC will~~
22 ~~notify the Senate no later than September 30 prior to the scheduled election, at which~~
23 ~~time the Senate shall determine whether to authorize the CSEC to proceed with the~~
24 ~~conduct of said election or to delegate the responsibility to the college elections~~
25 ~~committees.~~

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27 Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

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APPENDIX

Proposed Spring 2021 Student Election Timeline

Residence Halls Open: January 17, 2021

First Day of Instruction: January 25, 2021

Candidate Filing Deadline: March 12, 2021

Candidate Notification: March 19, 2021

Candidate Campaigning: March 22, 2021

Instructional Break: March 24, 2021

Candidate Town Hall: April 1, 2021
April 5, 2021

Student Elections: April 6-7, 2021

Instructional Break: April 13, 2021

Organizational Meeting: May 3, 2021