UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND CREDENTIALS (Final; Action)

EC.21.03 Apportionment of the Student Electorate

BACKGROUND

The Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials (EC) is charged with annually reviewing the apportionment of the student electorate of the Senate. The apportionment plan remains in effect until otherwise determined by EC and approved by the Senate. The *Constitution* mandates allocation of student seats as close to fifty (50) as possible. The current allocation of student seats is fifty-five (55). This proposal sets the number at fifty-three (53) to remain consistent with the intent of the *Constitution*.

The current apportionment plan was last approved by the Senate in February 2016 (SP.16.04). Because several changes have occurred since 2016, EC is proposing a revised apportionment plan after consultation with the Campus Student Election Commission (CSEC) and the Illinois Student Government (ISG) Advisor.

No more than nine (9) of the eleven (11) graduate seats have been filled over the last five (5) years. Recent increase in graduate student enrollment suggests allocation of fourteen (14) graduate student seats. However, after consultation with graduate student senators, it is recommended that the number of seats allocated to the Graduate College remain at the current number of eleven (11).

Since 2016, enrollment overall has increased, the Carle Illinois College of Medicine enrolled students in 2018, the UIC College of Medicine is being phased out, the i-School is now admitting undergraduates, and the Illinois Student Senate (ISS) was reorganized under a new constitution as the Illinois Student Government (ISG).

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials recommends approval of the revised apportionment plan for the student electorate detailed on the following page.

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	Fall 2015	Current	Fall 2020	Proposed	
College/Division/School	Enrollment	Seats	Enrollment	Seats	Change
Agr, Cons, & Env Sciences	2,499	3	2,716	3	0
Applied Health Sciences	1,858	2	1,998	2	0
Business	2,985	4	2,989	3	-1
Education	598	1	651	1	0
Engineering	7,131	7	7,009	8	1
Fine & Applied Arts	1,456	3	1,748	2	-1
General Studies	2,783	4	2,673	3	-1
Liberal Arts & Sciences	11,046	14	11,894	14	0
Information Sciences	0	0	119	1	1
Media	990	1	939	1	0
Social Work	215	1	255	1	0
Graduate	9,984	11	16,535	11	0
Law	473	1	469	1	0
Medicine (Carle Illinois)	0	1	110	1	0
Medicine (UIC)	0	1	0	0	-1
Veterinary Medicine	489	1	605	1	0
	42,507	55	50,710	53	-2

Academic Year	Average Grad Seat Vacancies Per Meeting
2019 - 2020	6
2018 - 2019	2
2017 - 2018	5
2016 - 2017	2
2015 - 2015	3