

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**  
COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY STATUTES AND SENATE PROCEDURES  
(Final; Action)

SP.21.02 Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part C – Elections

**BACKGROUND**

The Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials (EC) has proposed and the Senate has approved revisions to the *Election Rules for the Student Electorate*, Section 5 – Conducting Elections (EC.20.06 approved on 11/16/2020), which provide that the election of students to the Senate shall be completed no fewer than three weeks prior to the organizational meeting of the Senate, rather than prior to spring break. The adjusted timeline allows for greater engagement and recruitment of students to serve within the shared governance system.

This proposal resolves the conflict of language that was created in the *Bylaws* with the approval of EC.20.06. The current *Bylaws* state that student elections must be completed no later than the eighth week of classes in the spring semester, which is earlier than the approved language in EC.20.06. This proposal also provides specific details pertaining to the organization serving as the Elections and Credentials Committee for the students and separates it from the faculty Elections and Credentials Committee description.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends the approval of the following revisions to the *Bylaws*. Text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~ and text to be added is underlined. Adoption of amendments to the *Bylaws* requires a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

**REVISION TO THE BYLAWS, PART C – Elections**

- 1 1. Timing of Elections and Election Rules
- 2 a. Elections of senators shall take place during the spring semester, ~~but~~ Election of faculty
- 3 senators shall take place not later than the eighth week of ~~classes~~ the spring semester.
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- 5 b. The Senate may delegate to the organization that conducts elections on behalf of the
- 6 governing organizations of the student body and/or the academic professional staff the
- 7 authority to conduct Senate elections concurrently with other elections that it

8 administers, pursuant to rules established by the Senate Committee on Elections and  
9 Credentials and subject to approval by the Senate.

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11 c. The Committee on Elections and Credentials shall establish Election Rules and  
12 Procedures, subject to approval by the Senate, by which all these elections shall be held.

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14 2. Elections and Credentials Committee

- 15 a. ~~Faculty and Students~~: Each college or other similar educational division shall assist the  
16 Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials in the conduct of nominations and  
17 elections of faculty senators in that college or division.

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19 b. Academic Professionals ~~Staff~~: The Council of Academic Professionals shall be the  
20 elections and credentials committee for the academic professional electorate described  
21 in the *Constitution*, Article III, Section 1.

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23 c. Students: If the Senate has authorized the Campus Student Elections Commission to  
24 conduct student Senate elections, the Campus Student Elections Commission shall be  
25 the elections and credentials committee for the student electorate described in the  
26 *Constitution*, Article IV, Section 1. If the Senate does not authorize the Campus Student  
27 Elections Commission to conduct student Senate elections, each college or other similar  
28 educational division shall conduct the student elections.

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