

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

SP.21.04 Proposed Revision to the *Constitution*, Article VI, Section 7

BACKGROUND

Currently, the Presiding Officer may not vote except to decide a tie vote. This proposal clarifies that, to maintain a position of impartiality, the Presiding Officer may not make or second motions, participate in debate, or vote on any matter except in the event of a tie. The Presiding Officer would retain the ability to decide a tie vote regardless of the Presiding Officer's voting or nonvoting status.

RECOMMENDATION

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

REVISION TO THE *CONSTITUTION*, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 7

- 1 Section 7. ~~The Presiding Officer may not vote on any matter before the Senate except in the~~
- 2 ~~event of a tie vote to decide the question even though the Presiding Officer would not~~
- 3 ~~otherwise be entitled to vote.~~ The Presiding Officer may not make or second motions,
- 4 participate in debate, or vote on any matter, except in the event of a tie. In this event, the
- 5 Presiding Officer may cast the deciding vote, even if the Presiding Officer is not a voting
- 6 member of the Senate.

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