

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

SP.26.10 Revision to *Standing Rule 15* – Use of Electronic Clickers in the Senate

BACKGROUND

Standing Rule 15 was established by SP.17.08 in 2017 and modified by SP.19.10 in 2019, standardizing the practice of voting by use of electronic clickers (currently iClickers) while complying with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA). The proposed revision would generalize this language to better allow for shifts in electronic voting methods, while also spelling out compliance with OMA for clarity.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends the approval of the following revisions to the *Standing Rules*. Text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~ and text to be added is underlined.

1 **REVISION TO STANDING RULE 15**

2 **15. Use of Electronic Clickers in Voting By the Senate**

- 3 A. Except in instances where there are technical barriers, non-procedural votes shall be
4 taken by electronic ~~clickers~~ means, along with a show of hands to comply with the
5 Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA).
- 6 B. In the absence of opposition to a routine procedural motion, votes may be recorded by
7 unanimous consent. However, if consent is not unanimous, the motion must be voted
8 on by electronic ~~clickers~~ means, along with a show of hands to comply with the OMA.
9 Examples of routine procedural motions include the granting of floor privileges,
10 approval of the minutes of meetings, closing of nominations, and elections in which
11 there are no more candidates than positions to be filled.
- 12 C. If the president officer of the Senate meeting senses a lack of opposition to a motion,
13 the presiding officer may propose the motion for unanimous consent. However, if
14 consent is not unanimous, the motion must be voted on by electronic ~~clickers~~ means,
15 along with a show of hands to comply with the OMA.

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