

Board Meeting
January 17, 2008

APPROVE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS *STATUTES*

Action: Approve Proposed Amendment to the University of Illinois *Statutes*

Funding: No New Funding Required

Attached is a proposed amendment to the University of Illinois *Statutes* that would change the procedures for the way in which the University Senates Conference transmits proposed revisions to the *Statutes* to the President of the University for transmission to the Board of Trustees.

As the *Statutes* now read, if the three senates cannot agree on common language, the University Senates Conference attempts to promote agreement among the senates. If agreement cannot be reached, the conference sends the differing language to the President. This presents two problems: (1) recommendations made to the president by the conference may entail substantive compromise to the texts as approved by the individual campus senates; and (2) proposed statutory language approved by one senate and rejected by two senates could be implemented. The proposed statutory language assures that the views of the senates are fully expressed when proposals are brought through the University Senates Conference to the President and then to the Board of Trustees.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The changes to the University of Illinois *Statutes* have the support of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the campus senates, and the University Senates Conference.

The President of the University recommends approval.

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STATUTES**

Article XIII, Section 8.a.

Text to be deleted is in [square brackets] and text to be added is underscored.

- a. *Initiation by a Senate.* Each of the senates by vote of a majority of all members present and voting at a regular or special meeting may propose amendments to these *Statutes*. No final senate action shall be taken on a proposed amendment until the next meeting following the one at which it was introduced. The secretary of a senate shall notify the secretary of the other senates and the secretary of the University Senates Conference of the text of a proposed amendment promptly after the meeting at which it is introduced. The proposed amendment shall be referred to the University Senates Conference for its consideration and transmission to the other senates for action; the conference may append its comments and recommendations.

The proposed amendment shall be placed promptly on the agenda of the other senates. If every senate acts affirmatively on the proposed amendment and concurs as to its text, the conference shall send the proposed amendment to the president for transmission to the Board of Trustees and shall simultaneously notify the senates of its action; the conference may append its comments. If the senates do not agree as to the proposed amendment, the conference shall endeavor to promote agreement of the senates[; where]. Where agreement cannot be effected among all the senates within a reasonable period of time, but the text of a proposed amendment has been agreed upon by all but one of the senates, the conference shall send [the proposals of the senates] that proposed amendment, the recommendations of the dissenting senate, and its own recommendations to the president for transmission to the Board of Trustees and shall simultaneously notify the senates of its action. A senate may record and send its further comments to the president for transmission to the Board of Trustees.