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CHANGES IN SENATE BYLAWS
(Report for Information)

The University of Illinois *Statutes* provide that changes in Senate bylaws are reported to the Board of Trustees. The proposed changes to the Urbana-Champaign Senate are attached.

The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved. The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Vice President, University of Illinois and the Executive Vice President and Vice President for Academic Affairs concur with the recommended changes in the bylaws.

The President of the University recommends receipt of the bylaw changes.

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SP.16.11 Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.2 – Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure

BACKGROUND

As a follow-up to Office of the Provost Communication No. 25, “Employment Guidelines for Specialized Faculty Holding Non-Tenure System Positions”, the University Statutes and Senate Procedures Committee was contacted by the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure (AFT) with a request to propose a revision to the rules governing the way in which the AFT is constituted.

At a general level, Provost Communication No. 25, Part IV- Grievances allows that “specialized faculty members may have access to campus grievance policies and committees if the complaint or issue falls within the jurisdiction of the committee”.

More specifically, *University Statutes*, Article X, Section 2d reads:

A staff member who believes that he or she does not enjoy the academic freedom which it is the policy of the University to maintain and encourage shall be entitled to a hearing on written request before the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure of the appropriate campus senate. Such hearing shall be conducted in accordance with established rules of procedure. The committee shall make findings of facts and recommendations to the president and, at its discretion, may make an appropriate report to the senate. The several committees may from time to time establish their own rules of procedure.

“Academic staff” is defined in *University Statutes*, Article IX, Section 4a as:

The academic staff which conducts the educational program shall consist of the teaching, research, scientific, counseling, and extension staffs; deans and directors of colleges, schools, institutes, and similar campus units; editors, librarians, and such other members of the staff as are designated by the president and the chancellors/vice presidents.

Although specialized faculty members have access to the grievance process and the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure, they currently are not guaranteed representation on AFT.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends approval of the following revisions to the *Bylaws*, Part D.2. Text to be added is underscored and text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS, PART D.2

1 **Part D – Standing Committees**

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3 **2. Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure**

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5 a. Duties

6 The Committee shall:

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8 Serve as an authorized ~~faculty~~ group to safeguard the academic freedom of the tenure
9 system and non-tenure system faculty and tenure status of the tenure system faculty, and
10 to assure that unit governance is in accord with the *University Statutes* and unit bylaws.
11 The Committee shall conduct hearings in cases involving dismissal of ~~tenured~~ said
12 faculty, as provided in the *University Statutes*, may investigate instances of possible
13 infringement of academic freedom and hear cases involving allegations of such
14 infringement, and may make such recommendations to the Chancellor and reports to the
15 Senate as are appropriate. The Committee may investigate allegations of violations of the
16 role of tenure and non-tenure system faculty in governance as specified in the *University*
17 *Statutes* and unit bylaws and report to the Chancellor and the Senate if appropriate
18 changes are not made. The Committee will respect the autonomy of individual units when
19 making any recommendations regarding governance.
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21 b. Membership

22 The committee shall consist of:

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24 1. Seven tenure system faculty members whose administrative duties are below the level
25 of deans and directors, with no two members from any one college, school, institute,
26 or similar unit, and one non-tenure system faculty member; and
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28 2. Three students, of whom at least one shall be an undergraduate and at least one shall
29 be a graduate or professional student.
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31 ~~provided, however, that w~~When the Committee is called to serve as a hearing committee
32 under Article X, Section 1(e) ~~and~~ or Section 2 of the *University Statutes* on a case
33 involving a tenure system faculty member, the non-tenure system faculty member and
34 student members shall not participate in its activities or deliberations and shall not be
35 counted as Committee members for determining the quorum. When the Committee is
36 called to serve as a hearing committee under Article IX, Section 12 or Article X, Section
37 2(d) of the University Statutes on a case involving a non-tenure system faculty member,
38 the student members shall not participate in its activities or deliberations and shall not be
39 counted as Committee members for determining the quorum.

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SP.17.03 Proposed Revision to *Standing Rule 6* – Tellers

BACKGROUND

With the acquirement of i>Clickers to vote electronically, tellers are no longer necessary to hand count ballots at each Senate meeting. It is proposed to allow the Chair of the Senate Executive Committee to determine at the beginning of each Senate meeting if tellers are needed.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends approval of the following revisions to *Standing Rule 6*. Text to be added is underscored and text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO *STANDING RULE 6*

1 **6. Tellers**

2 At the beginning of each meeting of the Senate, the Chair of the Senate Executive
3 Committee shall ~~announce the names of at least three senators to act as~~ appoint tellers as
4 needed.

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SP.17.04 Revisions to the *Bylaws*, Part A.5 – Meetings

BACKGROUND

When Other Academic Staff members were added to the Senate, the addition of this class of senators to the Senate Organizational Meeting was overlooked. The following proposal is offered to correct this oversight.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends approval of the following revisions to the *Bylaws*, Part A.5. Text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS, PART A

Part A – Meetings

- 1 5. a. One organizational meeting shall be held after the general election of senators and before the
2 last day of classes. All newly elected ~~faculty and student~~ senators, those ~~faculty~~ senators
3 whose terms extend through the next year, and ex officio senators shall be eligible to
4 participate.
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SP.17.05 Revisions to the *Bylaws*, Part F.4 – Research Policy Committee

BACKGROUND

The Senate *Bylaws* outline the scope of responsibility, duties, and membership for Committees that are formal creatures of the Senate. The *Bylaws* also contain provisions for how the Senate participates in naming or providing nominations for other entities to committees and advisory bodies which themselves are not formally part of the Senate. One such body, the Research Policy Committee, listed in *Bylaws*, Part F.4 exists to provide advice to the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor for Research on research policy. Presently, the Committee on Committees presents a slate of nominees to the Senate which in turn chooses those faculty and student names to forward to the Vice Chancellor for Research who makes the final appointments.

Because the existing process for the Committee on Committees and Senate actions on nominations is complex, the Vice-Chancellor for Research and the Research Policy Committee has requested a streamlining of the process used to establish the committee roster.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends approval of the following revisions to the *Bylaws*, Part F.4. Text to be added is underscored and text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS, PART F.4

ORIGINAL

Research Policy Committee. This fifteen member committee advises the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR), and the Senate on matters of research policy. The VCR appoints all members of the committee. The Committee is composed of a faculty chair selected in consultation with the Senate Executive Committee; one representative from the Campus Research Board; the Dean of the Graduate College; ten faculty members, five of whom are appointed each year for two-year terms; one graduate student with a two-year term; and one undergraduate student with a one-year term. Four of the five faculty members and the two students are appointed from nominees provided by the Senate as follows: The Senate Committee on Committees submits eight nominations for the four faculty slots and two nominations for each student slot to the full Senate for approval and subsequent transmittal of the nominees to the VCR. The fifth faculty member is appointed at the discretion of the VCR. The Chair of the Research Policy Committee will report to the Senate Executive Committee on the activities of this committee three times a year and will report to the full Senate annually.

PROPOSED REVISION

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Research Policy Committee. This committee advises the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor for Research (VCR), and the Senate on matters of research policy. The Committee should have no fewer than ten members and no more than fifteen members, and the VCR appoints all members of the committee, typically for two year terms. The Committee has a faculty chair selected in consultation with the Senate Executive Committee. At least eight members of the Committee shall be faculty chosen from nominations provided by the Senate Committee on Committees, submitted to the full Senate for approval and subsequent transmittal of the nominees to the VCR. The other members shall be appointed by the VCR and may include students and academic professionals. The Chair of the Research Policy Committee will provide a written report to the Senate on the activities of this committee at least annually and will provide additional reports to the Senate and the Senate Executive Committee as requested.

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SP.17.06 Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part E – Joint Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Licensing and Investment

BACKGROUND

In Fall of 2016, the Chair of the Senate Executive Committee asked the Senate Committee on General University Policy (GUP) to review our policies and practices on Naming Rights. Currently the Campus Administrative Manual says that such naming decisions will be referred to the Senate. Given the number of buildings, classrooms, and other physical places named for donors or other honorees, Senate review of all of them seems unwieldy. Some universities have a stand-alone committee solely for this purpose; rather than create a new committee, GUP recommends adding the responsibility to the Joint Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Licensing and Investment, which has similar duties and a membership suited to these sorts of discussion. It is also proposed to revise the name of the committee to reflect the additional duties.

As part of these duties, the committee should develop clearer guidelines for which naming decisions rise to the level requiring review. In some cases, naming rights may be linked to donations necessary for building or remodeling to occur; hence a prompt decision beforehand is needed. In extremely rare cases, we might need guidelines for revisiting a naming decision in order to consider removing the name. In all these cases, coordination with the Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement will be necessary, as well as the Associate Provost for Facilities; these members could be invited to confer with the committee on an ad hoc basis when such matters may arise.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends approval of the following revisions to the *Bylaws*.

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE *BYLAWS*, PART E

Part E – Governing and Advisory Bodies

- 1 4. **Joint Advisory Committee on ~~Socially Responsible Licensing and Investment~~, Licensing,**
- 2 **and Naming Rights**
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- 4 a. Duties
- 5 The Committee shall provide advice to the Chancellor’s Office on issues of social
- 6 responsibility related to campus investment, licensing ~~or investments~~, and naming rights
- 7 consistent with the values of the university. Issues within its responsibility include, but are not
- 8 limited to, licensing of the campus’s names, symbols, and insignia; supporting workers’ rights

9 and fair labor practices; sponsorship of products; and corporate social responsibility more
10 generally. The Committee will also review proposals to name campus buildings, classrooms,
11 or other physical facilities for donors or other honorees.
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13 b. Membership

14 The Committee shall consist of:

- 15 1. Five members of the faculty;
- 16 2. One academic professional;
- 17 3. Three students, including at least one undergraduate student and at least one graduate
18 or professional student;
- 19 4. A representative from the University of Illinois Extension, designated by the Director
20 of Extension (ex officio with vote);
- 21 5. The representative of the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics with responsibility for
22 licensing and corporate sponsorships, designated by the Director of DIA (*ex officio*
23 with vote);
- 24 6. The campus's representative to the University Caucus of the Worker Rights
25 Consortium (*ex officio* with vote);
- 26 7. A member of the Office of the Chancellor designated by the Chancellor (*ex officio*).
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28 c. Appointment and Terms of Office

- 29 1. Three of the faculty positions and the student positions shall be filled as follows. The
30 Committee on Committees shall prepare, and the Senate shall approve, a list of
31 candidates, with at least two nominees for each position to be filled. The Chancellor,
32 in consultation with the Chair of the Senate Executive Committee, shall appoint
33 members from the list. The Chancellor will appoint up to two additional faculty
34 members of his/her choosing, in consultation with the Chair of the Senate Executive
35 Committee, to bring the total to five.
- 36 2. The academic professional position shall be filled as follows: The Council of
37 Academic Professionals shall prepare a list of at least two nominees. The Chancellor,
38 in consultation with the Chair of the Council of Academic Professionals, shall appoint
39 the member from the list.
- 40 3. ~~The Chancellor shall appoint the representative from the University of Illinois~~
41 ~~Extension.~~
- 42 4. The five faculty members and the academic professional member shall serve staggered,
43 renewable terms of three years. The three student members shall serve renewable terms
44 of one year.

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SP.17.08 Revisions to the *Standing Rules* – Voting by electronic clickers

BACKGROUND

Over the past few years, the Senate has experimented with taking votes by electronic means, currently using i-Clickers. Many senators were already familiar with these devices, and after a short period of experimentation, their use in the Senate has become easy and routine. The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) and the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (USSP) have observed that the results of votes taken in this manner are available quickly, efficiently, and precisely. It seems to be time to make their use the ordinary way of taking and recording non-routine votes in the Senate.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends that the Senate approve the following amendments to the *Standing Rules*. As this is to be a new Rule, the text is not underscored.

1 *Standing Rules*

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3 **NEW RULE**

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5 **15. Use of electronic clickers in the Senate**

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7 A. Except in instances where there are technical barriers, non-procedural votes shall be taken by
8 electronic clickers.

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10 B. In the absence of opposition to a routine procedural motion, votes may be recorded by
11 unanimous consent. However, if consent is not unanimous, the motion must be voted on by
12 electronic clickers. Examples of routine procedural motions include the granting of floor
13 privileges, approval of the minutes of meetings, closing of nominations, and elections in which
14 there are no more candidates than positions to be filled.

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16 C. If the presiding officer of the Senate meeting senses a lack of opposition to a motion, the
17 presiding officer may propose the motion for unanimous consent. However, if consent is not
18 unanimous, the motion must be voted on by electronic clickers.

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SP.17.09 Proposed Revisions to the *Bylaws*, Part B.5, Senate Committees – Eligibility of academic professional positions

BACKGROUND

This document serves to alter the *Bylaws*, Part B.5. to be in keeping with the changes made by SP.15.08, approved by the Senate on April 3, 2017. SP.15.08, entitled “Proposed Revisions to the *Senate Constitution* and *Bylaws* to provide representation for Specialized Faculty”, changed the title of the other academic staff electorate to the academic professional electorate. This change occurred in the *Senate Constitution*, Article III, and the *Bylaws*, Part C – Elections. Under this proposal, the same title change is made in the *Bylaws*, Part B.5.

This document also serves to clarify those academic professionals who are eligible to serve on Senate committees. With the agreement of the Council of Academic Professionals, we are proposing to specify the eligibility to those who may also serve in the Senate.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends that the Senate approve the following amendments to the *Bylaws*. Text to be added is underscored and text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~:

1 **PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE *BYLAWS*, PART B.5**

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3 **Part B – Senate Committees**

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- 5 5. The Committee on Committees shall make nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair of the
- 6 Senate Executive Committee and for members and chairs of standing and *ad hoc*
- 7 committees, except for members of the Committee on Committees itself. Nominees for
- 8 faculty and student positions need not necessarily be senators except where otherwise
- 9 expressly provided herein, but must be members of the faculty or student electorate of the
- 10 Urbana-Champaign campus or of the College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign.
- 11 Nominees for academic professional positions must be members of the ~~Professional-~~
- 12 ~~Advisory Committee~~ academic professional electorate of the Urbana-Champaign campus
- 13 or of the College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign. The academic professional must be
- 14 eligible to serve in the Senate, as defined in the *Constitution*, Article III, Section 1. A list
- 15 of those nominated by the Committee on Committees shall be communicated to all
- 16 senators in accordance with the due notice provision of the *Constitution* prior to each
- 17 election for committee membership or chair. Additional nominations may be made from

18 the floor. Whether from the Committee on Committees or from the floor, each
19 nomination shall have the consent of the nominee. After nominations have closed, the
20 Senate shall elect from the nominees those who are to serve. Ties will be broken by
21 drawing lots.

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