SP.20.06 Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.1 – Senate Executive Committee

BACKGROUND
Responding to the Report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01), Senate Executive Committee (SEC) examined its charge and composition as provided in the Bylaws, Part D.1. In addition, the Review Commission asked SEC to “determine additional eligibility criteria and duties for the positions of the SEC Chair and Vice-Chair” (XSR.19.01, Recommendation #5). The proposed revisions thus address issues of SEC membership, the duties and eligibility of the SEC Chair and Vice-Chair, and vacancies in the Chair and Vice-Chair positions.

Currently, the responsibilities of the SEC Chair and Vice-Chair are briefly identified in the Bylaws, D.1.d. This proposal strikes that provision and proposes a new section, D.1.b, which better itemizes the specific duties of the Chair and Vice-Chair, including the Chair’s responsibility to liaise with administrative offices and work with the various bodies of the Senate, as well as specifying the Vice-Chair’s role in coordinating committee annual reports.

At its July 13, 2020 meeting, the Senate considered a version of this proposal that would have restricted the eligibility for the SEC Chair to faculty or academic professional senators who have served at least one year on the SEC (at any time). That proposal also would have restricted eligibility for the Vice-Chair position to senators (of any type) who have served at least one year as a senator or on a Senate committee at any time. These restrictions, proposed by SEC, attempted to ensure that those elected Chair or Vice-Chair bring experience with the Senate and its work, while also not being overly restrictive.

At the July 13 meeting, the Senate voted to amend the proposal to make the restrictions on the Vice-Chair match those proposed for the Chair position. The Senate also voted to return the proposal to SP for revision, including removing language regarding various types of vacancies in these positions that would no longer be necessary.

This proposed set of changes still includes clarifying language regarding the Council of Academic Professionals and specifies a non-voting ex officio position for the Chancellor or the Chancellor’s designee.

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
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**REVISION TO THE *BYLAWS*, PART D.1 – Senate Executive Committee**

1. Duties of the Committee

   The Senate Executive Committee shall:

   1. Initiate and guide the work of the Senate;
   2. Coordinate the activities of the Senate committees, evaluate the functions of those committees, and conduct an annual review of the current status of *ad hoc* committees of the Senate, recommending appropriate action to the Senate;
   3. Prepare the agenda for Senate meetings;
   4. Inform the Senate concerning the charge and composition of each committee created by the campus or University administration;
   5. Propose to the Senate a date and agenda for the annual meeting of the faculty;
   6. Report to the faculty at the annual meeting;
   7. Schedule and supervise the organizing of the Senate in accordance with Part A of these *Bylaws*;
   8. Nominate members of the Committee on Committees;
   9. Provide advice annually to the Chancellor on the appointment or reappointment of the vice chancellors as required by the *Statutes*, Article III, paragraph 1g;
   10. Provide advice annually to the President on the reappointment of the Chancellor as required by the *Statutes*, Article I, section 5;
   11. Review Campus Budget Oversight Committee (CBOC), Research Board, and Research Policy Committee nominees; and
   12. Perform such other duties as the *Statutes* or Senate shall specify.

b. Duties of the Chair and Vice-Chair

   The Senate Executive Committee Chair shall:
1. Establish and maintain liaison with the Chancellor, the Provost, relevant administrative offices, and, where appropriate, the President of the University and the Board of Trustees on matters of concern to the Senate;

2. Establish and maintain liaison with the Office of Public Affairs and, where appropriate, with the press and the public;

3. Establish and maintain relationships with the chair of each Senate committee, and regularly advise and support Senate committee chairs;

4. Initiate reviews of standing Senate committees on a five-year rotation; and

5. Perform other duties as the Senate or Senate Executive Committee shall specify.

The Senate Executive Committee Vice-Chair shall:

6. Ensure that Senate committees submit and share annual reports with the Senate; and

7. Perform other duties as the Senate Executive Committee or Senate Executive Committee Chair shall specify.

b. Membership

1. The Senate Executive Committee shall be composed of 16 members consisting of:

   a. a Chair and a Vice-Chair, elected by ballot by and from among the membership of the Senate, and who shall be the presiding officers of the Senate Executive Committee,

   b. the Chair of the Committee on Committees,

   c. the Chair of the Committee on Educational Policy Committee,

   d. the Chair of the Committee on General University Policy Committee,

   e. the Chair of the Committee on Information Technology Committee,

   f. the Chair of the Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures Committee,
g. three members elected by the Senate from a slate consisting of all remaining committee chairs willing to serve, with a runoff among the five candidates receiving the most votes (if there are more than five candidates), and additional candidates if tied for fifth place,
h. three students members, including at least one undergraduate and at least one graduate or professional student, all of whom shall be elected by and from among the student senators,
i. one of the Senate's representatives to the University Senates Conference, elected by the Senate at its organizational meeting; nominees shall be those members of the Committee on University Senates Conference who consent to serve if elected; a majority of votes shall be required to elect on the first ballot, a runoff election shall be held between the two nominees who received the highest number of votes and including all of those tied with the highest or second highest number of votes; a plurality of the votes cast shall be required to elect on the second ballot,
j. the campus faculty member of the Faculty Advisory Council to the Board of Higher Education ex officio with vote, and
k. the Chair of the Council of Academic Professionals, committee which performs the statutory function of the Professional Advisory Committee, or the Chair's designee, ex officio with vote, and
l. the Chancellor or the Chancellor’s designee (ex officio).

2. In the event of a vacancy in the Chair position, the Vice-Chair will immediately succeed to the position of Chair. In the event of a vacancy in the Vice-Chair position, an election by the Senate of a Vice-Chair will be conducted at the next meeting of the Senate in accordance with the provisions of Part A, Section 5 (d). From the time the Vice-Chair position becomes vacant and until a Vice-Chair has been elected and certified, the sitting member of the Senate Executive Committee with longest university service shall serve as interim Vice-Chair.
Any other vacancy on the Senate Executive Committee shall be filled by the same procedure utilized in selecting a member for the position.

23. No person shall hold more than one seat on the Senate Executive Committee concurrently. In the event that a person qualifies for more than one seat concurrently, the list below shall be followed sequentially to select a replacement for each seat but one retained.

a. If the Senate Executive Committee Chair or Vice-Chair qualifies for more than one seat, that person must retain their seat as the Senate Executive Committee Chair or Vice-Chair. The concurrent seat shall be filled by an elected member of that body, nominated by the Committee on Committees, and elected by the Senate.

b. If the campus faculty member of the Faculty Advisory Council to the Board of Higher Education qualifies for more than one seat, that person must retain their seat as the campus faculty member of the Faculty Advisory Council to the Board of Higher Education. The concurrent seat shall be filled by an elected member of that body, nominated by the Committee on Committees, and elected by the Senate.

c. If a committee chair or the Senate's representative to the University Senates Conference qualifies for more than one seat, that person shall select which seat shall be retained. The concurrent seat shall be filled by an elected member or representative of that committee or body, nominated by the Committee on Committees, and elected by the Senate.

All replacements shall be full members of the Senate Executive Committee in their own right. Replacement representatives to the Senate Executive Committee under this provision shall remain seated until the end of the academic year.

cd. The officers and members of the Senate Executive Committee shall be elected for terms of one year. The Chair shall be released from other academic duties for one-half time, with this appointment funded from campus resources.
d. The Chair of the Senate Executive Committee, or the Vice-Chair at the request of the Chair, or an Executive Committee member designated by the Chair with the advice of the Executive Committee, shall establish and maintain liaison with the offices of the President of the University and the Board of Trustees on matters of major concern to the Senate.

e. During the summer months, the Senate Executive Committee is authorized to act for and on behalf of the Senate on urgent matters that require immediate attention, with the stipulation that, before taking any such action, the Senate Executive Committee shall seek the advice of those senators present on campus. Any such emergency action taken by the Senate Executive Committee shall be reported to the Senate at the first regular meeting of the Senate following such emergency action.
Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.4 – Committee on the Budget

BACKGROUND
Responding to the Report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01), the Senate Committee on the Budget (BG) examined its charge and composition as provided in the Bylaws, Part D.4.

BG transmitted a set of proposed changes to the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (SP) in October 2019. These were refined and strengthened by BG and SP, which after some delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic, were approved by BG in October 2020.

The proposed revisions better specify the committee’s charge to advise work on behalf of the Senate to gather information and make reports and recommendations to the Senate as appropriate. These also align the committee’s work with the new campus budget model and allow the committee to respond to the broader context of the University of Illinois System, instead of only the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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 D.4 – Committee on the Budget

1. Duties
2. The Committee shall:
3. Study general trends in the budgets of the State and nation which may affect the University, the budgets of the University and the Urbana-Champaign campus, the allocation of resources among the different units of the Urbana-Champaign campus, the criteria followed in determining budgetary needs and in allocating existing and requested new resources, and the general implications of budget decisions for educational policy and the quality of academic and related programs in the University.
shall regularly advise members of the campus administration on the formulation of policies affecting the budget and on the allocation of funds requested by and appropriated to the University and the Urbana-Champaign campus. It shall duly report on these matters and on its relations with the University and campus administrations, and make recommendations to the Senate.

1. On behalf of the Senate, consult and advise the campus administration and members of the campus community on formulation of policies affecting the budget and on allocation of funds requested by and appropriated to the University of Illinois System and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;

2. Periodically collect information and data on matters related to the budget, which may include surveys;

3. Monitor trends in government budgets that may affect the University of Illinois System and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;

4. Monitor the allocation of campus resources among different units of the campus, the processes and criteria followed in determining budgetary needs and in allocating existing and requested new resources, and the implications of budget decisions for educational policy and quality of academic and related programs in the University; and

5. Regularly report on these matters and the committee’s relations with the University and campus administrators, making recommendations to the Senate as appropriate.

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Revision to the Bylaws, Part A – Meetings (Presiding at Senate Meetings)

BACKGROUND
The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) requested that the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (SP) discuss the most appropriate person to preside over Senate meetings based on Recommendation #3 of the Eighth Senate Review Commission Report (XSR.19.01).

The Senate Committee on General University Policy (GP) discussed the most appropriate person to preside over Senate meetings. GP recommended the Chair of the Senate Executive Committee or the Chair’s designee serve as the presiding officer for the business portion of the Senate meeting. This would more easily allow the Chancellor to be a participant in debates.

RECOMMENDATION
The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends that the Senate approve the following amendment to the Bylaws, Part A. Text to be added is underscored and text to be deleted is struck through.

PROPOSED REVISION TO THE BYLAWS, PART A – Meetings

1. The Chair of the Senate Executive Committee or the Chair’s designee shall preside at Senate meetings. The Chancellor or the Chancellor’s designee shall be invited to preside at Senate meetings give remarks and respond to questions from senators, unless the Senate Executive Committee has provided otherwise.

6.g. The organizational meeting shall be supervised by the Senate Executive Committee, and

6. The incumbent Chair of the Senate Executive Committee or the Chair’s designee shall preside. The Chancellor or the Chancellor’s designee shall be invited to preside give remarks, unless the Senate Executive Committee has provided otherwise.
SP.20.18 Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.7 – Conference on Conduct Governance

**BACKGROUND**
Responding to the Report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01), the Conference on Conduct Governance (CG) examined its charge and composition as provided by the *Bylaws*, Part D.7.

The proposed revisions, put forward by CG, would better align the *Bylaws* with the committee’s current practices when reviewing the Student Code and the conduct governance system, making recommendation as appropriate. In addition, the revisions better specify the committee’s authority and specify an *ex officio* role for the Dean of Students.

**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 D.7 – Conference on Conduct Governance**

a. Duties

Legislative Function of the Conference

The Conference is a Senate Committee which, that shall make recommendations regarding policies on student affairs (*Statutes*, Article XI, Section 1.a), in conjunction with the Chancellor, and with the assistance of the Office of the Dean of Students, the Conference shall have the following legislative functions:

1. Review and transmit in writing to the Chancellor its approval, disapproval, or modification of standards of conduct (hereafter called "rules") initiated by subcommunities of the campus;
2. Initiate and recommend in writing to the Chancellor adoption of additional rules it deems desirable;

3. File with the Office of the Dean of Students and with the Clerk of the Senate a notice of such transmittals and recommendations including the text of the rules; and

4. Periodically review the conduct governance system and make general recommendations to the Chancellor and the Senate regarding revisions of the system. To this end, it may request reports from members of the system.

1. Periodically review the conduct governance system and the rules governing student conduct that are published in the Student Code, hereafter called “rules,” and make general recommendations to the Chancellor and the Senate regarding revisions, requesting reports from members of the conduct governance system as needed;

2. Initiate and recommend in writing to the Chancellor adoption of additional rules it deems desirable;

3. Review and transmit in writing to the Chancellor its approval, disapproval, or modification of the Student Code initiated by interested parties of the campus; and

4. File with the Office of the Dean of Students and with the Clerk of the Senate a notice of such transmittals and recommendations, including the text of the Student Code.

b. Authority and Jurisdiction

1. Rules filed with the Office of the Dean of Students and with the Clerk of the Senate shall become effective thirty (30) days after filing, unless contrary action has been taken by the Chancellor. The Senate may submit its recommendations to the Chancellor with respect to proposed rule changes. To this end, the thirty (30) day
period may be extended by the Senate or Senate Executive Committee to ninety (90)
days, excluding the period May 16 through August 15.

2. The jurisdiction of the Conference shall not extend to:

(a) rules governing conduct arising within the duties and obligations imposed by
the contract of employment and within the scope of the particular duties and
responsibilities of the person employed;

(b) those rules which are adopted or imposed in the course of the purchase of
goods or services; or

(c) rules on purely academic matters, including requirements for degrees and
standards of academic performance, except that the Conference shall have
jurisdiction over academic irregularities such as cheating, plagiarism, falsification of
records, or destruction of teaching, research, or library books, documents, or files
educational materials or resources.

c. The Office of the Dean of Students shall function as the staff agency for the Conference.
Two functions of the Office shall be:

1. Serve as a registry for rules adopted or approved by the Conference and accepted by
the Chancellor; and

2. Publish annually (by August 1 of each year) in a convenient form all rules adopted by
the Conference and accepted by the Chancellor which are applicable to the
entire community, or to some subcommunity subset thereof, and cause
amendments to the rules as they are from time to time adopted to be published and
disseminated to the University community.

All rules, both those adopted by particular University authorities and those adopted by
the Conference on its own initiative, shall be promulgated by the Office of the Dean of
Students by special publications, regularly issued newsletters or bulletins, and periodic
codification. The Office shall maintain an up-to-date file of rules in force which may
be consulted by any interested person. It shall serve as clerk to the Conference for
recording and promulgating its actions, for keeping a record of its meetings, and for any
other purpose the Conference determines.
The staff of the Office shall be under the supervision of one or more of the vice chancellors who will consult with the Chair of the Conference regarding staff functions and appointments.

d. Membership

The Conference shall consist of:

1. Six members of the faculty, of whom there shall be at least one from each professorial rank and of whom one shall be designated chair by the Senate;

2. Seven members of the student electorate, of whom four shall be undergraduates, two graduate students, and one student of a professional college;

3. Four members from among the campus administrative officers of the campus chosen with due regard for appropriate areas of concern and in consultation with the Chancellor or the Chancellor's designee;

4. A member of the Council of Undergraduate Deans (ex officio), selected by that committee;

5. One designee of the Graduate College (ex officio), selected by the Graduate College; and

6. The Dean of Students or the Dean's designee (ex officio).

In making its nominations for the Conference, the Committee on Committees shall consider the expressed needs of organized racial and ethnic minorities. The terms of membership shall be two years.
SP.20.20 Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.17 – Committee on Student Discipline

**BACKGROUND**
Responding to the Report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01), the Committee on Student Discipline (SD) examined its charge and composition as provided by the *Bylaws*, Part D.17.

The proposed revisions elaborate the committee’s functions, which had previously not been specified in the *Bylaws*. In addition, the revisions specify membership requirements for the committee beyond those for typical Senate committee membership, including training that is specific to this committee.

**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 D.12 – Committee on Student Discipline**

1. Duties
   
   The Committee shall be responsible for the conduct of the judicial functions of the student conduct governance system in accord with the *Statutes* and with rules and policies established by the Board of Trustees and the Senate. *Specifically, the Committee shall:*

   1. Appoint the members of the subcommittees on student conduct;
   2. Establish, maintain, and revise (as necessary) the Student Disciplinary Procedures, which specify the process by which university disciplinary officers and the subcommittees on student conduct address alleged violations of the Student Code;
   3. Hear appeals of subcommittee on student conduct decisions; and

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4. Hear recommendations for suspension or dismissal arising from an academic integrity infraction.

b. Membership

The Committee shall consist of:

1. Nine faculty members,
2. Six students members, and
3. The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or the Vice Chancellor's designee (ex officio).

c. Membership Requirements

In addition to complying with the attendance requirements applicable to all Senate committee members, all members of the Committee shall:

1. Complete the appeal committee training, held during the Committee’s first business meeting, and all other necessary trainings, including the sexual misconduct committee training; and
2. Comply with the code of ethical standards established by the Director of the Office for Student Conflict Resolution, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee. At a minimum, the code of ethical standards must include expectations of confidentiality and of adherence to the Student Code and the Student Disciplinary Procedures.

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SP.20.22 Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.14 – Committee on Information Technology

BACKGROUND
Responding to the Report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01), the Senate Committee on Information Technology (IT) examined its charge and composition as provided by the Bylaws, Part D.14.

Based on the Commission’s input and IT’s discussions, the committee believes it would be appropriate to include a representative from the Director of the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA), as well as a representative of the Dean of Libraries.

NCSA has played a global role in research computing, and it has always played a role at the University in helping researchers with matters such as high performance computing, high throughput computing, and visualization. In the last several years, the University Library has substantially increased its support of research with services such as database consulting, data management planning, and digital humanities consulting.

In recent years, a representative from the Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning was added and IT wishes to see research technology support represented with the addition of NCSA and the University Library representatives as ex officio members.

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 D.14 – Committee on Information Technology

1. Duties
   The Committee shall:
   1. Identify and consider problems, needs, and concerns pertaining to teaching, research, engagement, and administrative support on campus IT issues and recommend desirable changes in campus policy;
   2. Examine trends in IT here and in higher education generally and recommend appropriate changes in campus policy; and
3. Serve in a broad advisory capacity to the Campus University Chief Information Officer and the University System Associate Vice President for Administrative Information Technology Services.

b. Membership

The Committee shall consist of:
1. Eight faculty members, with no more than two coming from any single college,
2. One academic professional member,
3. Two student members,
4. The Campus University Chief Information Officer (CIO) or the CIO’s designee (ex officio),
5. The University System Associate Vice President for Administrative Information Technology Services (AITS) or the Associate Vice President’s designee (ex officio),
6. The Director of the Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning (CITL) or the Director’s designee (ex officio),
7. The Director of the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) or the Director’s designee (ex officio), and
8. The Dean of Libraries and University Librarian or the Dean’s designee (ex officio).

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SP.20.24 Revision to the **Bylaws**, Part D.15 – Committee on the Library

**BACKGROUND**

Responding to the Report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01), the Senate Committee on the Library (LB) examined its charge and composition as provided by the **Bylaws**, Part D.15.

The proposed revision removes the limitation that three LB committee members be senators and the specification that committee members serve three-year terms. These current restrictions on the membership of the LB committee seem misaligned with the majority of the Senate’s standing committees, and Senate records do not indicate why this should be the case.

The proposed revisions regarding the annual and five-year review of the university librarian include language clarifying the two separate processes involved and bring the language of the **Bylaws** into alignment with **Statutes** (Article VI). The Office of the Provost was consulted regarding the revised language, because the dean (university librarian) review process is initiated by the Office of the Provost.

**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 D.15 – Committee on the Library**

a. Duties

The Committee shall:

1. Advise the director of the campus Library university librarian on the apportionment of the Library budget and on the formulation and execution of policies governing the operation of the Library, including its branches.

2. Provide advice annually, as requested, to advise the Chancellor through the Office of the Provost on the appointment and or
3. The Committee shall evaluate the performance of the university librarian at least once every five years, as initiated by the Office of the Provost and in a manner to be determined jointly by the committee and faculty of the library; as part of the evaluation, views shall be solicited from the committee, other concerned faculty, members of the university community, and the entire faculty of the library (Statutes, Article VI); and

4. The Committee shall advise the Senate about issues affecting the ability of the Library to fulfill its mission.

b. Membership

The Committee shall consist of:

1. Nine faculty members, at least three of whom are senators when elected to the committee, with no more than two members from any one college, school, institute, or similar unit. Election shall be for staggered three-year terms;

2. Four students members, two undergraduates and two graduate; and

3. The director of the campus library university librarian or the director’s university librarian’s designee (ex officio).

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SP.20.31 Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.10 – Committee on Equal Opportunity and Inclusion

BACKGROUND
Responding to the Report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01), the Committee on Equal Opportunity and Inclusion examined its charge and composition as provided by the Bylaws, Part D.11.

The proposed revisions would change the committee’s name and the descriptions of its duties to better align with terms now in common use on campus and within higher education: “diversity, equity, and inclusion.” In addition, these revisions better align the Bylaws with the committee’s practices, clarify some of its activities, and include as an ex officio member the new Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The Vice Chancellor now coordinates offices such as the Office for Access & Equity, the Title IX Office, the Office for Academic Inclusive Excellence, and the Office for Business, Community & Economic Development.

On November 12, 2020, the Board of Trustees approved a global set of revisions (ST-77) to the University Statutes, which changed the language referring to each campus (now “University”) and the University of Illinois system as a whole (now “System”). This set of changes has led to some discrepancies in the Senate’s governing documents, including some in the current proposal, which will be addressed via a forthcoming proposal from the Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures.

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 D.10 – Committee on Equal Opportunity and Inclusion

10. Committee on Equal Opportunity Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

   a. Duties

   The Committee shall:
1. **Develop and support programs** Recommend and advocate for programs and guidelines promoting a diverse, equitable, inclusive, and welcoming campus environment for members of any underrepresented, historically disadvantaged, or marginalized groups across all communities and activities both within and outside the University.

2. **Ensure accountability and transparency by:** Programs and guidelines may be developed wherever an apparent need exists, including but not necessarily limited to the following areas:
   a. monitoring progress on initiatives that were subjects of previous recommendations and advocacy within and outside the Senate, and
   b. consulting with representatives of groups who are the intended beneficiaries of these programs and policies:
      a. Academic and civil service employment, teaching, research, and public service;
      b. Admission and financial aid policies and practices for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, as well as educational policies, practices and programs;
      c. Community projects and studies which relate to equal opportunity for disadvantaged and minority groups at all levels (students, faculty, and staff) on the campus.

2.3 **Evaluate continually** Facilitate conversations Promote and encourage dialogue regarding the equal opportunity posture of diversity, equity, and inclusion on the campus and the University as a whole System with regard to enunciated principles and actions taken;

3. **Communicate and cooperate with other campus and University offices and committees established to work toward the objectives of this committee (e.g., the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access and the Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Women);**

5. **Communicate and cooperate as well as with local (non-University) community groups concerned with diversity, equity, and inclusion equal education and**
employment opportunity and with the access of that historically disadvantaged community minority groups have to University cultural and recreational facilities and programs.; and

4. Where appropriate, make reports and recommendations, where appropriate, that pertain to diversity, equity, and inclusion to the Senate and to other units and officials of the University.

b. Membership

The Committee shall consist of:

1. Seven faculty members,
2. One academic professional member,
3. Three students members,
4. One designee of the Chancellor, The Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion or the Vice Chancellor’s designee (ex officio), and
5. Up to three non-voting members, recommended by the voting members and approved by the Senate, representing from underrepresented, historically disadvantaged, or marginalized groups.

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Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.1.c – Senate Executive Committee (Chair and Vice-Chair eligibility)

BACKGROUND
Responding to the Report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01), the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) examined its charge and composition as provided in the Bylaws, Part D.1 and considered the Review Commission’s recommendation that the SEC “determine additional eligibility criteria and duties for the positions of the SEC Chair and Vice-Chair” (XSR.19.01, Recommendation #5). The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (SP) presented SEC’s proposed changes to the Bylaws in SP.20.06, which included potential changes to SEC membership, the duties and eligibility of the SEC Chair and Vice-Chair, and vacancies in the Chair and Vice-Chair positions.

SP.20.06 was introduced at the July 13, 2020 Senate meeting, and included a proposal that would have restricted the eligibility for the SEC Chair to faculty or academic professional senators who have served at least one year on the SEC (at any time). That proposal also would have restricted eligibility for the Vice-Chair position to senators (of any type) who have served at least one year as a senator or on a Senate committee at any time. At the July 13 meeting, the Senate voted to amend the proposal to make the restrictions on the Vice-Chair match those proposed for the Chair position. The Senate also voted to return the proposal to SP for revision, including removing language regarding various types of vacancies in these positions that would no longer be necessary.

At its September 21, 2020 meeting, the Senate approved an amendment to remove both the restriction that the SEC Chair and Vice-Chair be faculty or academic professionals and that they have served on the SEC for at least a year. With those provisions removed, the Senate approved SP.20.06 as amended. However, the revised language (in lines 44-46) of SP.20.06 also changed the phrasing that specified that the Chair and Vice-Chair be elected “by and from among the membership of the Senate” while rephrasing the other proposed restrictions. This specification was thus inadvertently struck when the amendment to SP.20.06 was approved, substantively changing the eligibility for these positions.

Because the Senate has approved SP.20.06, SP recommends that it reinstate the restriction that the Chair and Vice-Chair be elected “by and from the membership of the Senate.”
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 D.1.C – Senate Executive Committee

1. c. Membership

1. The Senate Executive Committee shall consist of:

   a. a Chair and a Vice-Chair, elected by and from the membership of the Senate,

who shall be the presiding officers of the Senate Executive Committee,

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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. Timing of Elections and Election Rules
   a. Elections of senators shall take place during the spring semester, but Election of faculty senators shall take place not later than the eighth week of classes the spring semester.
   
   b. The Senate may delegate to the organization that conducts elections on behalf of the governing organizations of the student body and/or the academic professional staff the authority to conduct Senate elections concurrently with other elections that it
administers, pursuant to rules established by the Senate Committee on Elections and
Credentials and subject to approval by the Senate.

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

2. Elections and Credentials Committee

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

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

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

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SP.21.03 Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.20 – Committee on University Student Life

BACKGROUND
Responding to the Report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01), the Senate Committee on University Student Life (SL) examined its charge and composition as provided in the Bylaws, Part D.20 and recommends the following revisions.

The proposed changes would specify a seat on SL for an international student and identify ex officio seats for the Dean of the Graduate College, the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and the Director of International Student and Scholar Services.

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 D.20 – Committee on University Student Life

1. Duties

   The Committee shall:

   1. Identify and consider the problems, needs, and concerns of students as related to the academic environment, and recommend desirable changes in campus policy;

   2. Examine short- and long-term trends in student life here and in higher education generally, and recommend changes in campus policy to adjust appropriately to those trends;

   3. Serve in a broad advisory capacity to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

2. Membership

   The Committee shall consist of:

   1. Four faculty members, one of whom shall be designated as Chair by the Senate;
2. One academic professional member;

3. Five student members, who shall elect one of their number to serve as Vice Chair; one student member shall be an international student, who shall be nominated by the office of International Student and Scholar Services to the Committee on Committees;

4. Depending on the structure of the student government, the elected head of the student body or designee, or the elected head of the undergraduate student body and the elected head of the graduate student body or designees (ex officio);

5. The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or the Vice Chancellor’s designee (ex officio);

6. The Dean of Students or the Dean’s designee (ex officio); and;

7. A member of the Council of Undergraduate Deans (ex officio), selected by that committee, and;

8. The Provost or the Provost’s designee (ex officio);

9. The Dean of the Graduate College or the Dean’s designee (ex officio); 

10. The Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion or the Vice Chancellor’s designee (ex officio);

11. The Director of International Student and Scholar Services or the Director’s designee (ex officio); and

12. Such other ex officio members from among the administrative officers of the campus as the voting members shall recommend and the Senate shall approve.

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SP.21.07 Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part D.12 – Committee on General University Policy

**BACKGROUND**

The Senate Committee on General University Policy (GP) recommends a revision to its duties to codify GP’s role of providing feedback on substantive revisions to the Provost’s Communications.

**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 D.12 – Committee on General University Policy**

1. Duties

   The Committee shall:

   1. After such consultation with other committees as it deems appropriate, study, report, and make recommendations to the Senate concerning general university policy governing such matters as:

      a. size and composition of the student body;

      b. policies relevant to faculty concerns in consultation with the Office of the Provost;

      c. budget trends as related to the quality of the university and its capability to satisfy public demands;

      d. educational policy related to creation, combination, changes in affiliation or abolition of departments, centers, divisions, institutes, colleges, campuses and similar educational, research and public-service units;

      e. allocation of resources among such units and methods employed by administrative officials in making such allocations; and
f. formulation of policy in anticipation of major societal changes.

2. Provide input on substantive revisions to the Provost’s Communications, while consulting with other Senate committees and recommending wider Senate input where appropriate; and

23. Monitor the following specific topics:
   a. data on background check to identify any consequences of the background check process, and
   b. number of non-tenure-system faculty and proportion of non-tenure-system faculty multi-year contracts as described in the Statutes, Article X, Section 1.

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SP.21.08 Revision to the Bylaws, Part F.3 – Military Education Council

BACKGROUND
This amendment would allow greater flexibility to fill the membership of the Military Education Council (MEC), because it has been difficult in recent years to fill vacancies in a timely manner. The members of the MEC believe that while it is important to maintain a connection to the Senate with a minimum of one Senate member, the work performed by the MEC does not require Senate membership in order to be completed effectively.

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 F.3 – Military Education Council

3. Military Education Council. The Military Education Council is a campus body charged with reviewing staff appointments in military departments; reviewing and supervising the military education curricula; administering related budget, space, interdepartmental liaison and contract negotiations; and ensuring academic freedom within military departments. The Council is composed of a chair and one non-voting member appointed by the Chancellor; six civilian faculty members elected by the Senate; one undergraduate and one graduate or professional student, both elected by the Senate; the three military department heads ex officio with vote; and one student appointed by the Armed Forces Council. Terms of elected faculty and student members start August 16. The six civilian faculty members are elected for two-year terms, three of them being elected each year. Three At least one of them must be senators, and three need not be. The student members chosen by the Senate are elected for one-year terms and need not be senators.
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