

Reported to the Board of Trustees  
May 16, 2019

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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 Chicago Senate are attached. The proposed revisions to the UIC Senate Bylaws, Article V, Section 1 (b) reflect the addition of faculty Senators from John Marshall Law School (JMLS). The proposed revisions to the UIC Senate Bylaws, Article II, Section 1 (a); Article V, Section 1 (b)(7); and Article VI, Section 1 (b)(2) reflect the addition of student Senators from John Marshall Law School (JMLS) to the health professional student program/division of the electorate.

The University Senates Conference has indicated that no further Senate jurisdiction is involved.

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, 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.

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
CHICAGO SENATE**  
(Action Item, March 20, 2019 Senate Meeting)

**BACKGROUND**

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**UIC SENATE BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE V GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES**

Section 1. **Executive Committee**

b) **Membership**

- 1) The Secretary, Vice Chair, and Presiding Officer of the Senate. Upon their elections each will assume a seat specified for their particular college or unit. Such assignment will reduce the number of seats specified below for that college.
- 2) ~~Three elected faculty Senators from the following group of colleges: Architecture and the Arts, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Jane Addams College of Social Work, and Urban Planning and Public Affairs. These three Senators must be drawn from three of the above colleges. At least one Senator shall be a member of the faculty of the Graduate College.~~
- 3) Three elected faculty Senators from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; one shall be drawn from humanities, one from natural sciences, and one from social sciences. At least one Senator shall be a member of the faculty of the Graduate College. No two members of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will be in the same division.
- 4) Two faculty Senators, elected at large from the voting units ~~at the east side of the campus,~~ excluding the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Medicine, one of whom shall be a member of the faculty of the Graduate College.
- 5) Three elected faculty Senators from the College of Medicine. At least one Senator shall be a member of the faculty of the Graduate College.
- 6) One elected faculty Senator from each of the following units: Applied Health Sciences, Architecture, Design and the Arts, Business Administration, Dentistry, Education, Engineering, Jane Addams College of Social Work, John Marshall Law School, Library, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health, and Urban Planning and Public Affairs of which at least ~~one~~ two shall be a member of the faculty of the Graduate College.

- 7) Four student senators, one each from the electorates of the undergraduate and health professional divisions and two from the graduate electorate.
- 8) Ex officio. The Chancellor with vote and the Provost without vote.
- 9) Appointed Clerk of the Senate, ex officio without vote.
- 10) If a Senator who holds a seat on the Executive Committee changes his/her electoral unit, that seat shall be declared vacant. A Senator whose membership in the Senate ends before his/her Committee term shall lose his/her seat on the Committee. In either case, an election shall be held to fill the resulting vacancy.

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**ARTICLE II SENATE STUDENT AND ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS**

Section 1. **Student Membership**

- a. Student senators shall be elected from among the electorates of the three major academic divisions into which student programs are divided: undergraduate, graduate and health and law professionals. Student representation shall consist of 50 Senators elected by secret ballot by and from ~~among~~ the student bodies of the three voting units.
- b. Student Senators shall be elected for one-year terms.
- c. The student electorate shall consist of all persons who are candidates for a degree at the University of Illinois at Chicago and who are registered in a course or courses for credit at the University during the semester in which the election is held.
- d. To be elected to the Senate, students must be qualified electors. They must be in good academic standing as defined by the department and college in which they are enrolled.

Section 2. **Voting Units**

- a. Each voting unit shall have a Student Elections Committee which shall be assisted in performing its functions by the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. Students vote only in the academic division in which they are enrolled.
- b. Not later than the last day of instruction of the fall semester, the Office of the Senate shall notify the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (chief administrative officer) and the chair of each election committee of each of the voting units of the number of seats assigned to that voting unit. The number of student Senators to be elected by each voting unit shall be established in proportion to the number of full-time equivalent students registered in each voting unit. The fall semester ten-day roster of the Senate year in which the election is to be held shall be used for determining the number of seats to be assigned to each voting unit. Each of the above units shall be allocated at least ten seats. For purposes of this Section, University Hospital residents and interns who do not hold faculty appointments are considered full-time equivalent students in the College of Medicine. Faculty members and academic staff members who are enrolled in courses or in specified programs shall not be considered as students for the purposes of these *Bylaws*.

Section 3. **Nomination and Election Procedures**

- a. The Elections Committee of each voting unit shall be responsible for creating a nomination and electioneering procedure designed to insure that the number of candidates in each voting unit offers electors reasonable choice, that provision is made for electors to vote for candidates regardless of the class of either the candidates or the electors, and that electors have reasonable opportunity to know the candidates' qualifications. These procedures must also create reasonable opportunities for students to become candidates. Electioneering regulations must be so drawn as to insure that responsible standards of conduct and propriety are maintained. These procedures should be submitted to the Senate Executive Committee and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs for approval. Elections should be conducted and reported no later than the end of the thirteenth week of the spring semester.
- c. The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs shall submit to the Senate Executive Committee the results of the election together with its judgment concerning the propriety of the election procedures and its recommendation for the seating of the nominees. The nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected. The Executive Committee shall resolve any contested election issue and certify as Senators the nominees that it judges to have been properly elected.
- d. If the nomination and election procedures have failed to generate sufficient student Senators to fill any unit's allocation of seats or if no eligible nominee is available to fill a vacancy, the unit's representation in the Senate will be accordingly diminished until the next regularly scheduled elections.

Section 4. **Removal and Replacement of Student Senators**

The Senate Executive Committee shall declare a seat vacant whenever a student Senator must forfeit the seat under the requirements of Section 1, paragraph c. and d. of this Article. When a seat is vacated, the Executive Committee shall order the seat filled by the eligible unelected nominee who received the highest number of votes in the election for the Senate year. That person shall be declared an elected Senator and shall fill the unexpired portion of the removed Senator's term. If no such nominee is available the seat shall remain vacant until the next Senate year. The Senate Office shall be responsible for periodically checking University and Senate records to determine whether student Senators are subject to removal under provisions of this Paragraph.

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**ARTICLE VI                      PROGRAM COMMITTEES**

Section 1.     **Committee on Educational Policy**

b)           **Membership**

- 2) Three students, of whom shall be drawn from graduate, undergraduate and health and law professions student programs;