**SP.24.05**

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# University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate

Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures

(Final; Action)

SP.24.05 Proposed Revision to the *Constitution*, Article I, Section 5 and the *Bylaws*, Part A (quorum)

# Background

The twelfth edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR) states that “…a provision of the bylaws should specify the number of members that shall constitute a quorum, which should approximate the largest number that can be depended on to attend any meeting except in very bad weather or other extremely unfavorable conditions.” [RONR (12th ed.) 3:3] The University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) and the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS) Senates both specify their respective quorums in their *Bylaws*.

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate quorum provision is stated in the *Constitution*. The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (SP) recommends relocating the quorum provision from the *Constitution* to the *Bylaws* to be in line with RONR (12th ed.), and with the UIC and UIS Senates.

# Recommendation

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends the Senate approve the following proposed revision to the *Constitution* and *Bylaws*. ~~Struck-through~~ text indicates deletions, and underlined text indicates additions. *Bylaws* and *Constitution* amendments require two-thirds approval by the Senate. This proposed *Bylaws* revision will not become effective until the Board of Trustees approves the proposed revision to the *Constitution*.

# Proposed Revision to the *Constitution*, Article I, Section 5

**~~Section 5.~~** ~~A quorum necessary for a Senate meeting shall consist of 100 senators elected and serving.~~

# Proposed Revision to the *Bylaws*, Part A

3. A quorum of the Senate shall consist of 100 elected senators.

The remainder of Part A shall be renumbered.

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