Board Meeting January 23, 2025

CHANGES TO SENATE BYLAWS, CHICAGO

(Report for Information)

Pursuant to the University of Illinois Statutes Article II, Section 1.g (“The bylaws and any changes thereto shall be reported to the Board of Trustees through the chancellor/vice president and the president.”), changes to the University of Illinois Chicago Senate bylaws are attached.

The bylaws changes were reported to the University Senates Conference for

record.

The chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends receipt of the changes to the bylaws.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

**Approved by UIC Senate September 26, 2024**

# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO SENATE

(Action Item, September 26, 2024 Senate Meeting)

# Justification for proposed revision to the UIC Senate *Bylaws* (Spring 2024)

In the marked-up version of the *Bylaws*, text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~ and text to be added is underlined.

The following justifications are provided to explain the proposed changes to the UIC Senate *Bylaws*:

# Changes in multiple locations

* + More inclusive language
    - Language changes
      * he/she to “they”
      * his/her to “their”
    - Locations in text
      * Article I, Section 1 (e), (g), (h)
      * Article I, Section 2 (d)
      * Article III, Section 3 (a)
      * Article III, Section 5
      * Article IV, Section 2 (g), (h), (j), (l)
  + To correct currently incorrect word choice, “insure” has been changed to “ensure”
    - Article 1, Section 2 (c)
    - Article II, Section 3 (a)
    - Article VIII, Section 1 (b) (1)
  + To describe the start of the academic year, “Fall Semester” has been changed to “Academic Year.” The exception to this change is in Article II, Section 2 (b) where references to the fall semester indicate the timing of notification of student seat distribution, not the beginning of the academic year.
    - Article III, Section 1
    - Article IV, Section 2 (a)
    - Article V, Section 3 (b) (1)
  + To reflect the current name of the University, “University of Illinois at Chicago” has

been changed to “University of Illinois Chicago”

* + - Article II, Section 1 (c)
    - Article XII

# Changes to specific sections

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* + Adding two proposed committees
    - Article V: Section 4. Committee on University and Senate Governance
    - Article VIII: Section 4. Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

**Article I** SENATE MEMBERSHIP – FACULTY

Section 1. Faculty Membership

* a. For purposes of the *Constitution*, faculty members are defined as academic staff members with rank of lecturer, instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, or professor, including clinical, research, teaching, senior, adjunct, or emeritus titles. Not included are teaching and research associates, teaching and research assistants, and visiting faculty members.
  + “Teaching” is now a statutory modifier for professor ranks.
  + Inclusion of “senior,” which can modify lecturer and instructor, so the entire range of faculty titles is reflected in the *Bylaws*.

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

Section 1. Student Membership

* a. Student representation shall consist of ~~50~~ 44 Senators elected by secret ballot by and from the student bodies of the three voting units.
  + The number of student members was reduced by **6**, as the number of student Senators rarely reaches 50.

Section 5. Academic Professional Membership

* a. All academic professionals with a permanent appointment of 50% or more of full-time service at UIC are eligible for election. Academic professional representation shall consist of ~~3~~ 9 Senators.
  + Academic Professional Senator membership has been increased to **9**

from 3 to

* + - offset the reduction in Student Senators;
    - recognize that Academic Professionals have a strong record of active participation in the Senate;
    - and provide adequate representation for an employee class that approaches the faculty in size and contributes substantively to

the academic mission of the University.

* b. Academic professional Senators shall be elected for three-year terms with approximately one-third elected each year. There shall be no limit to the number of consecutive terms a Senator may serve. ~~members shall serve for~~

~~three year terms. One academic professional will be elected each year.~~

* + This change parallels the term of election and consecutive terms of

faculty Senators. Previously, it was not stipulated that there is no limit on the number of consecutive terms an AP Senator may serve.

**ARTICLE V** GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES

Section 1. Executive Committee

* a. Duties
  + 11) ~~T~~ Upon the recommendation of the Committee on University and Senate Governance, the Executive Committee shall refer ~~oversee the review of~~ all proposed amendments to the University of Illinois *Statutes*, Senate *Constitution*, and Senate *Bylaws* to (an) appropriate Senate committee(s). The Executive Committee shall review all proposals and recommendations by the Committee on University and Senate Governance before they are presented to the Senate. ~~, and prepare all such proposals for presentation~~ ~~to the Senate. The evaluation process shall include the substantive review of~~ ~~such proposals by an appropriate Senate committee(s). At three-year~~ ~~intervals it shall appoint a subcommittee from its membership to review the~~ ~~charge to, function of, and membership of the Executive Committee; review~~ ~~the charge to and nature of the Executive Committee with regard to its~~ ~~general function, size and membership, and report its conclusions to the~~ ~~Senate.~~
    - The proposed change to the duties of the Executive Committee reflects the creation of a Committee on University and Senate

Governance (see below) which will be charged with these functions. However, the Executive Committee retains oversight of the new

Committee due to the critical importance of Governance to the work of the UIC Senate.

* b. Membership
  + 3) Two faculty Senators, elected at large from ~~the~~ two different voting units, (excluding the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of

Medicine)., At least one of these Senators ~~one of whom~~ shall be a member of the faculty of the Graduate College.

* + - This proposed change ensures diversity among the colleges in the Senator at-large seats.
  + 5) One elected faculty Senator from each of the ~~following units~~ remaining Colleges: Applied Health Sciences, Architecture, Design and the Arts, Business Administration, Dentistry, Education, Engineering, Jane Addams College of Social Work, ~~John Marshall Law School~~ UIC School of Law, Library, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health, and Urban Planning and Public Affairs of which at least two shall be a member of the faculty of the

Graduate College.

* + - These proposed changes reflect the official name of the law school and suggest that any new college will receive representation after creation while *Bylaws* revisions are in process

Section 2. Committee on Budget, Planning, and Priorities

* b. Membership
  + 1) Six faculty members, of whom one shall be the Vice Chair of the Senate and who shall serve as chair of the Committee, and of whom two shall be members of the Executive Committee. The term of office for Executive Committee members shall be one year. These members shall be selected at the first meeting of the Executive Committee ~~in the fall semester~~ after the start of the Academic Year. The term of office for elected faculty members shall be three years, suitably staggered so that approximately one-third of the members are elected each year.
    - In addition to the change of “fall semester” to “academic year,” the manner by which members of the Executive Committee join the committee has been changed from “elected” to “selected.” This is to distinguish between SEC members who serve one term on the Committee and non-SEC members who are elected to three-year terms. The default selection method to choose the SEC members of the Committee will be through election in the SEC.

**ARTICLE VIII** SERVICES COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

Section 3. Committee on Support Services

* a. Duties
  + 3) In the fulfillment of its charge, the Committee shall organize itself in such a way as to meet its and the Senate’s need for giving advice on the function of the following campus services: buildings and grounds; support staff; auxiliary services; and public safety.
    - This revision aligns the duties of the Committee with current practice. The Committee regularly receives reports on and discusses issues related to public safety.

**ARTICLE X** STANDING RULES

The Senate may adopt standing rules not in conflict with the *Statutes* of the University or with the *Constitution* and *Bylaws* of this Senate or with established parliamentary

procedures. Such standing rules shall be adopted, replaced, or suspended by majority vote and shall be applicable for the academic year in which adopted and until replaced by the standing rules of the succeeding academic year. The Executive Committee is

charged by Article V, Section 1, Paragraph a.6 ~~Article IV, Section 7~~ of these *Bylaws* with recommending at the first Senate meeting of ~~a~~ the academic year the standing rules to

govern that year. Standing rules may be proposed at any regular meeting of the Senate following the procedures described in Article III of the *Bylaws*.

* Clarification that “year” referenced in this article is the academic year
* Correct reference to SEC responsibility to present standing rules annually to the Senate from “Article IV, Section 7,” which doesn’t exist, to “Article V, Section 1, Paragraph a.6”

# Creation of new committees

* The Committee on University and Senate Governance is being added as a permanent Committee of the Senate due to the increased prevalence of revisions to System governance documents over the last several years, the

understanding that revision is an ongoing and iterative process, and the need to periodically seek clarification about governing documents. Rather than continuing to create a series of *ad hoc* committees, a separate, permanent

Committee of the Senate will allow the Executive Committee to focus on its other duties and open the work of shared governance to a larger Senate

membership. This permanent Committee will also be empowered to review the documents and procedures of the Senate to ensure the effective working of the institution.

**ARTICLE V** GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES

Section 4. Committee on University and Senate Governance

1. Duties
   1. Review proposed amendments to the *Statutes*, to the *General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and to the Senate *Constitution*, *Bylaws*, and *Standing Rules*, and make recommendations to the Executive Committee or other appropriate Senate committees to provide substantive review of such proposals;
   2. Propose amendments to the *Statutes*, to the *General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and to the Senate *Constitution*, *Bylaws*, and *Standing Rules* when appropriate;
   3. Regularly review Senate procedures and make appropriate recommendations to the Senate;
   4. At three-year intervals it shall review the charge to, function of, and membership of the Executive Committee and report its

conclusions to the Executive Committee and the Senate;

* 1. At the request of the Executive Committee or the relevant Senate committee, it shall review the charge to, function of, and membership of any Senate committee and report its

conclusions to the Executive Committee and the relevant Senate Committee, as well as the Senate;

* 1. Advise the Presiding Officer of the Senate on the appointment of at least two parliamentarians from the Senate electorate to advise the Presiding Officer at Senate meetings on matters of parliamentary procedure.

1. Membership
   1. Presiding Officer, who shall serve as the Committee chair, and seven faculty members, of whom two shall be members of the Executive Committee. The term of office for Executive Committee members shall be one year. These members

shall be selected at the first meeting of the Executive

Committee after the start of the Academic Year. The term of office for elected faculty members shall be three years, suitably staggered so that approximately one-third of the

members are elected each year.

* 1. One graduate and one undergraduate student
  2. One academic professional
  3. Chancellor or designee (*ex-officio*)
  4. The Clerk of the Senate or the Clerk’s designee (*ex officio*)
* The Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion currently exists as an *ad hoc* committee. Given the centrality of these values to the UIC community, this Committee is being created as a permanent Committee of the Senate.

Section 4. Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

1. Duties
   1. The Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion shall actively participate in formulating recommendations and policies that support anti-racism initiatives at UIC.
   2. This committee will provide faculty input directly to the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Engagement (VCDEE).
   3. This Senate committee will coordinate their efforts with those sponsored by the Chancellor, as well as those developed by the colleges and UI Health.
   4. Among the activities of this committee will be reporting and providing comments on the Advancing Racial Equity reports and any additional reports (e.g., climate surveys) provided by the VCDEE’s office.
2. Membership
   1. Two faculty members from the Senate Executive Committee, selected at the first meeting of the Executive Committee after the start of the Academic Year;
   2. One faculty member from each College;
   3. A total of four students - one student from the graduate electorate, one student from the health and law professionals division electorate, and two students from the undergraduate electorate;
   4. Two academic professionals;
   5. Ex officio, the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Engagement or designee