

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

University Statutes and Senate Procedures  
(Final Action)

SP.15.10 Revisions to the *Senate Bylaws*, Part C, Section 4 to Conform with Student Election Practices

**BACKGROUND**

In October 2014, the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures received an inquiry from the Campus Student Election Commission (CSEC) regarding “run off” elections for crowded ballots (C.4.d). No structures exist in the *Election Rules for the Student Electorate* or in those supplementary rules of the CSEC for such elections. Given that there is no record or memory of past run-offs, the Committee proposes the deletion of this clause to conform with long running practice in place of new, lengthy procedures.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends approval of the following revisions to the *Senate Bylaws*. Text to be deleted is indicated by strikeout (e.g., ~~sample text for deletion~~).

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE *SENATE BYLAWS***

1 **Part C - Elections**

- 2 4. Nomination and Election of Senators from the Student Electorate
- 3 c. Seats available in each election unit will be filled by ranking the number of votes
- 4 received. The candidate or candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be
- 5 elected first, then the candidate or candidates receiving the second highest number, and
- 6 so on, until all available seats are filled.
- 7 d. ~~If for any one voting unit there are fewer than four candidates for a seat, no run-off~~
- 8 ~~election need be held; a plurality shall be sufficient for election.~~

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