SP.20.05 Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.8 – Senate Committee on Educational Policy and Standing Rule 13 – Formation, Termination, Separation, Transfer, Merger, Change in Status, or Renaming of Units

BACKGROUND
Responding to the May 14, 2019 report of the Eighth Senate Review Commission (XSR.19.01) and a request from the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), a task force of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (EP) met in 2019-2020 to consider sections of Bylaws and Standing Rules pertaining to EP. Proposals outlined significant revisions in the Bylaws as well as recommended elimination of Standing Rule 13. That Rule had been created in 1993 and amended in 2006, 2014, and 2017 to describe processes to be followed regarding the formation, termination, or other change in status of units.

The current proposed language, which originated with EP in 2020, was then modified by the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (SP) to incorporate important aspects of Standing Rule 13. That synthesized language was nearly complete in early 2021, and it clarified the roles performed by EP on behalf of the Senate to fulfill the Senate’s legislative functions under the Statutes, Article II, Section 1. Importantly, those proposed revisions also included a new “Committee Process” section (D.8.b), in order to highlight aspects of how EP handles the proposal intake and review process and to spell out how EP may act as various proposals are considered.

In Spring 2021, the SEC directed EP and SP to consult with the Council of Deans and the Office of the Provost to obtain input and hear concerns with the language that had been synthesized by EP and SP. EP subsequently prepared a new draft version which was transmitted to SP at the beginning of Fall 2021, when it became the basis of the current proposal. SP continued throughout Fall 2021 to work on this new language with continued extensive consultation and collaboration with EP.

The resulting proposed revisions clarify the Senate’s charge to EP and consolidate Standing Rule 13 into the Bylaws. The new opening provisions regarding “legislative jurisdiction” provide clear statutory references supporting the purview of EP. The “duties” of EP (D.8.b) have been itemized and grouped by type to better guide EP and stakeholders who engage with the Senate on educational policy matters. A new section, “process” (D.8.c) has been crafted to spell out the range of EP’s activities and some contingencies that might arise as EP considers various proposals. Finally, EP’s membership has been updated to include the Assistant Provost for Educational Innovation as an ex officio member. The resulting charge to
EP has thus been expanded to make clear previously tacit elements of the charge to the committee, while also clarifying EP’s authority via references to the University Statutes. The revised charge now incorporates key provisions of Standing Rule 13 recognizing the importance the Senate had attached to procedures mandated in the original adoption and revisions of this rule.

Because this proposed language would eliminate one of the Senate’s Standing Rules, SP recommends that the Senate follow the previously adopted convention (per SP.20.03) of retaining the Rule number and title in our Senate documentation, followed by “Struck by the Senate on [date] by SP.20.05.”

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. SP also recommends the Senate follow the previously adopted convention of retaining the Rule number and title in our Senate documentation, followed by “Struck by the Senate on [date] by SP.20.05.”

REVISION TO THE BYLAWS, PART D.8 – Committee on Educational Policy

a. Duties

The Committee on Educational Policy shall examine, and make recommendations to the Senate concerning appropriate action on educational policy matters over which the Senate has legislative jurisdiction, including:

1. Degree programs,

2. Initiation, changes or discontinuance of curricula,

3. Requirements for award of degrees,

4. Grading regulations,

5. Review and evaluation of experimental educational programs


The Committee, with the assistance of the Senate Clerk, shall also be responsible for recommending to the Senate a calendar which defines the periods of instruction, examination and vacation for the Urbana-Champaign campus. Each such calendar shall specify the beginning and ending dates of the academic year, the division between the first and second semesters, and the official University holidays. The Committee shall also
be responsible for recommending to the Senate the synopsis of policies governing the calendar.

a. Legislative Jurisdiction

Fulfilling the Senate’s legislative jurisdiction (Statutes, Article II, Sections 1.b, c, and e), the Committee on Educational Policy shall work to address all matters that come before it for review, recognizing that some educational policy matters require approval beyond the campus, and that implementation of said matters may not occur until final approval has been granted. The Committee shall make recommendations to the Senate pursuant to its statutory duties, respecting the jurisdiction given to the colleges (provided in Statutes, Article III, Section 2c).

b. Duties

1. Review and make timely recommendations to the Senate on educational policy matters including:

   a. grading regulations and requirements for degrees, majors, minors, concentrations, transcriptable credentials, and other programs of study;

   b. relations among colleges, schools, and other teaching divisions regarding programs of study;

   c. academic calendars, specifying the beginning and ending dates of the academic year, the division of the academic year into semesters and sessions, and official University holidays, as well as recommending for Senate approval the policies governing the calendar; and

   d. other matters of general educational policy.

2. Prior to any attempt to implement, review and make timely recommendations to the Senate regarding all proposals:

   a. to initiate, discontinue, or revise programs of study, especially those which affect units outside of the sponsoring unit;

   b. to change the status of an academic unit, including the formation, termination, separation, transfer, merger, change in status, or renaming of such unit(s) (Statutes, Article VIII, Sections 3 and 4); and
c. that require approval from entities beyond campus, including, but not limited to the University of Illinois Board of Trustees, University Senates Conference, Illinois Board of Higher Education, Higher Learning Commission, Council on Teacher Education, and any other credentialing agency.

3. Collect, review, and share with the Senate, making timely recommendations to the Senate, informational reports received from academic units that:
   a. change the mode of instruction of an approved program of study;
   b. temporarily suspend enrollment to an approved program of study; or
   c. change the status of an approved program of study to a Non-Admission Designated Program that would no longer directly admit students but would award degrees.

4. Act as point of contact for any interested parties, including those issuing proposals. Interested parties may consult with the Committee or its Chair regarding potential proposals, their impacts, steps in their review, or Committee processes.

   c. Process

   For each matter discussed above, the Committee shall work with units to make them aware of the need for any additional approvals and ensure that proposals and reports required by the Senate or other bodies contain all necessary information, and shall:
   a. assess whether such proposals and reports are consistent with general policies over which the Senate has legislative jurisdiction (Statutes, Article II, Sections 1.b, c, and e);
   b. collect, as necessary, relevant information including the projected impact of the proposed changes on enrollment, staffing, and resources, to ensure that the educational goals of the relevant program can be met;
   c. evaluate the projected impact of such proposals on other units and stakeholders and assess whether they have been substantively consulted,
d. hold a public hearing to provide active discussion in advance of any proposal to change the status of an academic unit, including the termination, separation, transfer, merger, change in status, or renaming of such unit(s) (Statutes, Article VIII, Section 4), conducted with the originator of the proposal (e.g., dean of college, Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs), transmitting minutes of the hearing, as well as collecting and forwarding additional written comments, to the Senate;

e. verify that all requirements in the Statutes for notification and consultation have been satisfied, including in the case of changes in organization that all affected units and stakeholders have been consulted and that the advice of each unit involved has been taken and recorded by a vote of the faculty in accordance with the bylaws of that unit (Statutes, Article VIII, Section 4); and

f. coordinate with the Office of the Provost to ensure that the Academic Catalog is kept up to date and that updated information regarding all programs of study, and records pertaining to such programs, are maintained by the relevant university offices and are available to all affected stakeholders.

d. Membership

The Committee shall consist of:

1. Thirteen faculty members,
2. One academic professional,
3. Five student members, of whom at least one shall be a graduate student, at least two shall be undergraduate students, and at most one shall be a professional student,
4. The Provost or the Provost's designee (ex officio),
5. The Associate Provost for Enrollment Management or the Associate Provost's designee (ex officio),

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6. The Executive Director of the Council on Teacher Education or
   the Executive Director's designee (ex officio),
7. A member of the Council of Undergraduate Deans (ex officio), selected by that
   committee council,
8. The Dean of the Graduate College or the Dean's designee (ex officio),
9. The Director of the Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning or
   the Director's designee (ex officio), and
10. The Assistant Provost for Educational Innovation or the Assistant Provost's designee
    (ex officio).

e. Committee Chair

   The Chair shall be released from other academic duties for one-half time, with this
   appointment funded from campus resources.

REVISIONS TO STANDING RULE 13

13. Formation, Termination, Separation, Transfer, Merger, Change in Status, or Renaming of
Units

   Struck by the Senate on March 7, 2022 by SP.20.05.

A. If a unit of academic governance or administration intends to make a significant change to
   the enrollment or faculty in a current degree, major, minor, concentration, or other
   educational program, it must first file with the Senate Committee on Educational Policy a
   proposal detailing its intent.

   After receiving the proposal, the committee may require verification that the proposing unit
   has informed all affected units, faculty and enrolled students. The committee may solicit
   comments from these and additional parties. Upon review of these materials, the
   committee shall determine what further action is required, including a public hearing,
   periodic re-evaluation of the proposal’s progress, or further Senate action.

   For the purposes of this Standing Rule, “significant” changes shall include those that are
   intended to last two years or more and that lead to an increase or decrease of faculty size
by at least 25 percent or student enrollment by at least 25 percent (for programs with 100 or more students) or at least 50 percent (for programs with fewer than 100 students).

Plans that would result in the eventual termination of a program require submission of a proposal requesting such termination and approval by the committee and the Senate before any action is taken to terminate admissions, transfer faculty or remove the program from a unit website or the campus Programs of Study.

Any student, staff or faculty member or administrator who believes such a change is being contemplated may also ask the committee to determine whether the potential change would be of sufficient magnitude to require submission.

B. In order to provide for active discussion of a proposal for termination, separation, transfer, merger, or change in status of any academic unit, the originator of the proposal (e.g., Dean of College, Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs) and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy shall, well in advance of the proposal being forwarded to the Senate, determine an appropriate forum for a public hearing and appoint a person to chair the hearing. The originator of the proposal and Chair of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy (or their designees) shall attend the meeting. Responsibility for providing a meeting place, publicizing the hearing, and preparing minutes shall rest with the originator of the proposal. The Senate Committee on Educational Policy shall be responsible for collecting written comments and assuring that all of the necessary tasks are completed in an acceptable manner. Minutes shall be taken and forwarded to the Senate; a full transcription of the hearing is not necessary. The chair of the hearing shall encourage presenters to provide written comments that shall be forwarded to the Senate.

C. In any proposal for the formation or change in academic organization (such as, termination, separation, transfer, merger, change in status, or renaming) of an academic unit, as provided in the University Statutes, Article VIII, the advice of the faculty at each level (e.g.,
department, school, college, as applicable) shall be taken and recorded by vote of the
faculty. Voting shall be as provided in the bylaws of each unit. The vote shall be reported to
the Senate by the Committee on Educational Policy when the proposed change is
considered by the Senate.
Revision to the Bylaws, Part F.5

BACKGROUND
At its November 12, 2020 meeting, the University of Illinois Board of Trustees approved a package of revisions to the Statutes, ST-77, which included revisions to Article I provisions that govern the review of University Chancellors, specifying a periodic “formal review” process distinct from the routine annual review of the chancellors.

At its February 8, 2021 meeting, the Senate approved SC.21.08, a resolution designed to address this new formal review step and provide for future formal reviews of the Chancellor: “The Senate Executive Committee shall serve as the review committee for the current (2020-2021) Review of the Chancellor and the Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures shall be directed to recommend revisions to the Senate Bylaws to articulate the mechanism, consistent with the recently amended Statutes, for the Senate to use in future formal reviews.”

The proposed revisions below build on the current language in the Bylaws F.5 that provides for the Senate’s input in the appointment of a new chancellor, establishing a parallel model for the new “formal review” process. In addition, SP offers a proposed revision to the same section, revising the final sentences to clarify how campus constituencies may participate in these processes. Finally, F.5 has been given a title, in keeping with F.1-4, each of which are titled.

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.5

1. **Appointment and Formal Review of the Chancellor.** The Senate shall determine the composition of a committee selected by the Senate to advise the President on the occasion of the appointment of a new chancellor, or on a formal review of an incumbent chancellor as initiated by the President via the Statutes Article I, Section 5 shall be determined by the Senate. Such a Committee will include faculty, academic professional, and student members,
elected in accordance with Article VI, Section 11 of the Senate Constitution, and other University of Illinois Urbana Champaign constituencies as the Senate shall determine. Any Representative of other such University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign constituencies shall be nominated in consultation with representative bodies of those constituencies and shall be elected by the full Senate.

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SP.21.10 Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.1.c – Senate Executive Committee, Membership

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. During its deliberations, SEC considered its membership, duties, eligibility restrictions on the SEC Chair and Vice-Chair positions, and language regarding ex officio representatives. SEC did not ultimately propose any changes to its membership, but did recommend proposed language about the SEC Chair and Vice-Chair and the ex officio representatives to the Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures (SP).

SP presented a version of these changes as SP.20.06 at the July 13, 2020 Senate meeting. SP.20.06 was returned to committee, modified, and passed by the Senate on September 21, 2020. SP also presented SP.21.01 to reinstate some text that had been inadvertently struck by a floor amendment to SP.20.06; SP.21.01 was passed by the Senate on November 16, 2020.

During the Senate’s deliberations on SP.20.06, it was noted that the Senate would benefit from a Committee of the Whole discussion on the membership of SEC to gather Senate input about whether SP should pursue any changes to the membership of SEC, as provided in the Bylaws, Part D.1.c.1.

SP gathered input on this matter via a Committee of the Whole discussion by the Senate at its April 26, 2021 meeting. Generally, there was a consensus that both the chair of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure and the chair of the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion should be added to the membership of SEC. In addition, the discussion indicated that SP should consider whether the pool of student representatives could be expanded to four (at least one undergraduate and at least one graduate or professional student) and whether committee chairs who are members of SEC could designate members of their committees to attend on their behalf.

The proposed changes specify seats for both the chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure and the chair of the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; specify seats for the Student Body Vice President and the Speaker of the Senate of the Illinois Student Government as well as two other student seats (for a total of four students on SEC); clarify the role of the representative to the University Senates Conference; and move elections language to a new section.
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

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, and who shall be the presiding officers of the Senate Executive Committee;
   b. the Chair of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure;
   c. the Chair of the Committee on Committees;
   d. the Chair of the Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion;
   e. the Chair of the Committee on Educational Policy;
   f. the Chair of the Committee on General University Policy;
   g. the Chair of the Committee on Information Technology;
   h. the Chair of the Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures;
   i. three faculty members elected by the Senate from a slate consisting of among 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 elected as described in paragraph 2a;
   j. the Student Body Vice President and the Speaker of the Senate of the Illinois Student Government;
   k. three two student members, including at least one undergraduate and at least one graduate or professional student, all each of whom shall be elected by and from the student senators;
   l. one of the Senate’s representatives to the University Senates Conference, who shall serve as a liaison between the two bodies and regularly update the Senate Executive Committee on the Conference’s activities, elected as described in paragraph 2b; 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; if a majority vote is not reached 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,

jm. the campus faculty member of the Faculty Advisory Council to the Board of Higher Education ex officio with vote;

kn. the Chair of the committee which performs the statutory function of the Professional Advisory Committee or the Chair’s designee ex officio with vote; and

lo. the Chancellor or the Chancellor’s designee (ex officio).

2. Election of Members of the Senate Executive Committee

a. The three faculty members from among all committee chairs who are not already members of the Senate Executive Committee specified in paragraph 1 and who consent to serve shall be elected by the Senate, with a runoff if necessary among the candidates receiving the five greatest number of votes, including all those tied.

b. The representative of the University Senates Conference from among those members of the Committee on University Senates Conference who consent to serve shall be elected by the Senate. A majority of votes shall be required to elect on the first ballot. If a majority vote is not reached on the first ballot, a runoff election shall be held among the nominees who received the two greatest number of votes, including all of those tied. A plurality of the votes cast shall be required to elect on the second ballot.

[Renumber existing paragraphs 2-3 as 3-4.]
SP.22.05 Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.20.b – Committee on University Student Life

BACKGROUND
The revisions to the Bylaws, Part D.20 (SP.21.03) that were approved by the Senate on April 5, 2021 specified that one student member shall be an international student nominated by the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS). Based on discussions with ISSS, it was suggested that the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations is a better office to nominate an international student to serve on the Senate Committee on University Student Life.

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. Membership

2. The Committee shall consist of:

3. Four faculty members, of whom one shall be elected as Chair by the Senate;
4. One academic professional member;
5. 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 Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations to the Committee on Committees;
6. 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);
7. 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*);

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

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 of *the committee* shall recommend and the
    
    Senate shall approve.

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SP.22.06 Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.5.b – Committee on Campus Operations

BACKGROUND
Following his transition from Senior Associate Chancellor for Administration and Operations to the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Operations, Michael DeLorenzo requested an additional *ex officio* member be added to the Senate Committee on Campus Operations.

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.5 – Committee on Campus Operations

b. Membership

The Committee shall consist of:

1. Eight faculty members;
2. One academic professional member;
3. Two student members;
4. One designee of the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (*ex officio*);
5. The Executive Director of Facilities and Services or the Executive Director’s designee (*ex officio*);
6. The Director of the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (iSEE) or the Director’s designee (*ex officio*); and
7. The Chair of the Student Sustainability Committee or the Chair’s designee (*ex officio*); and
8. The Vice Chancellor for Administration and Operations or the Vice Chancellor’s designee (*ex officio*).
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