

Proposed Revisions to the University of Illinois *Statutes*

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ARTICLE VIII. CHANGES IN ACADEMIC ORGANIZATION OF UNITS

Section 4. Changes in the Organization and Naming of Existing Units

a. Changes in Academic Organization

From time to time, circumstances will favor changes in academic organization such as the termination, separation, transfer, merger, or change in status (e.g., department to school), ~~or renaming of the academic~~ renaming (e.g., a change from “communications” to “media” or from “commerce” to “business”) of the units specified in Section ~~4~~ 3. The procedures for the various changes shall be the same as those specified for formation of such a unit, except that the proposal may originate in the unit(s) or at any higher administrative level. The advice of each unit involved shall be taken and recorded by vote of the faculty by secret written ballot in accordance with the bylaws of that unit. For transfer, merger, separation, and change in status (~~e.g., department to school~~), the procedures shall be those applicable to the type of unit ~~which that~~ would result. Units affected may communicate with the Board of Trustees in accordance with Article XIII, Section 4, of these *Statutes*.

b. Eponymic Renaming

If the renaming involves only the addition of an eponym (e.g., the name of an alumnus, donor, person, or entity), the proposal may originate in the unit or at any higher administrative level. The advice of the unit to be renamed shall be taken and recorded by vote of the faculty by secret written ballot in accordance with the bylaws of that unit, and the advice of the appropriate senate shall be taken and recorded by vote. The senate may specify a committee to provide advice on its behalf under conditions established by the senate. In this case, the committee’s advice, taken and recorded by vote, will be reported to the senate.

c. Changes in Departmental Organization

A change in the departmental organization from a chair to a head, or from a head to a chair, may be accomplished only as specified in Article IV, Section 4 of these *Statutes*.