

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
Committee on Committees
(Final;Action)

CC.17.01 Nominations for Membership on the University Senates Conference (USC)

Background

The *University of Illinois Statutes*, Article II, Section 2. a. (1) state:

The University Senates Conference shall be made up of twenty members. The basic representation shall be two members from each senate. Additional members shall be apportioned to each senate, at least one from each senate, in numbers proportional to the number of faculty members on each campus. The apportionment shall be recalculated every five years. Each senate shall elect its own representatives from its membership.

The Urbana-Champaign campus has ten (10) representatives to the University Senates Conference. Continuing members of the Urbana delegation to the USC, and the years their terms expire:

Nicholas Burbules	EDUC	2017
Bettina Francis	LAS	2017
Kim Graber	AHS	2017
Sally Jackson	LAS	2017
Harley Johnson	ENGR	2018
Terry Weech	LISC	2018
Matthew Wheeler	ACES	2018

Nominations

The following faculty are each nominated for a three-year term on USC, expiring in 2019. A bio-sketch of each nominee is included below. If no additional nominations are made, these individuals will be declared elected:

Prasanta Kalita	ACES
William Maher	LIBR
Gay Miller	VMED

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Nominations from the floor must be accompanied by the nominee's signed statement of willingness to serve if elected and a short bio-sketch in hard copy form. The statement shall be dated and include the name of the position to be filled. If present, the nominee's oral statement will suffice.

PRASANTA KALITA (ACES)

Dr. Prasanta K. Kalita is a Professor in the Agricultural & Biological Engineering Department. He currently is a member of the UIUC Senate and serves as chair of the Committee on Committees. He is currently serving on the University Senate Conference. He served on the Senate Educational Policy Committee, chaired the Campus Committee on Race and Ethnicity (CORE), and the University IT Governance Security and Privacy Subcommittee. He served on Coursera Course Review Committee, Governing Documents Review Committee, and Non-instructional Space Task Force Committee on the campus level. Prasanta was a co-chair on Teaching Advancement Board (TAB), chaired the College of ACES Administrators Evaluation Committee, chaired the College of Engineering Grievance Committee, served on ACES P&T Committee and chaired the Campus Study Abroad Advisory Committee. Additionally, he has served on both colleges of Engineering and ACES Executive Committees. Prasanta has a well-funded research program both nationally and internationally, has guided more than 45 Ph.D. and MS graduate students, advised more than 70 undergraduate research students, and published extensively in peer reviewed journals. He has won departmental, college, campus, regional, and two national awards, and has been recognized with Distinguished Teacher Scholar Award on Campus. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE). He has served as Associate Editor of the Transactions of the ASABE and Applied Engineering in Agriculture as well as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Spatial Hydrology.

WILLIAM MAHER (LIBR)

William Maher has been a Professor of Library Administration since 1977 and University Archivist since 1995. His deep commitment to shared governance is evidenced by over 16 years in the Senate. He has served as chair of the University Statutes and Senate Procedures Committee and a member of the Senate Executive Committee since 2006. He is serving on the current Search Committee for the Chancellor and previously served on the 2011 Chancellor search committee and for the Dean of LAS (2013-14). He has represented the UIUC Senate on the University Senates Conference 2013-15. Beyond the University, he has held leadership positions in regional, national, and international professional organizations. His research specialization is in archival management and intellectual property, and he has served as a NGO head of delegation in Geneva at the World Intellectual Property Organization.

GAY MILLER (VMED)

Gay Miller joined the Illinois faculty in 1994. She came from Ohio State to Illinois as Professor and Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs in the College of Veterinary Medicine. She is currently Professor and Division Chair of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine in the College of Veterinary Medicine, and Adjunct Professor in both Veterinary Clinical Medicine, and Agricultural and Consumer Economics. Her relevant Illinois campus service work includes Provost's Campus Budget Oversight Committee, Chair 2003-2005; Provost's Promotion and Tenure Committee; University of Illinois Senator; Senate Committee on Student Discipline; Senate Budget Committee; Senate Committee on Committees; the Senate Committee on Educational Policy, Chair 2011-2015; Senate Executive Committee, 2011-2016 and Chair 2015-2016; University Senates Conference 2013-2016, and Chair of USC Academic Affairs and Research Committee, 2014-2016. She particularly enjoyed her service work as Chair of Educational Policy, a committee that touches all educational and research aspects of the campus.

Gay Miller's main research focus has been on foreign animal diseases (FADs) since an AAAS Science and Technology Policy at the USDA (2006-2007). Her primary interests now are in the epidemiology, economics, and social impacts of FAD outbreaks in food producing animals. She has taught mainly veterinary and graduate students on a variety of subjects including epidemiology, food safety, public health, disease outbreak investigation, biosecurity, and the economics of food animal disease prevention and control. She has written hundreds of scientific papers, reports and articles. Over the last five years, she has given dozens of invited talks about FAD preparedness and response at national and international forums. She developed and taught her first online class in fall 2015, which was an introduction to epidemiology with tropical disease examples, developed and delivered initially as a face-to-face course that she gave in Sierra Leone at Njala University in spring, 2014.