

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

CC.19.10 Election of Vice-Chair of the Senate Executive Committee

BACKGROUND

The Senate Executive Committee shall initiate and guide the work of the Senate, prepare the agenda for Senate meetings, coordinate and evaluate the activities of the Senate committees, nominate members of the Committee on Committees, provide advice annually to the Chancellor on the appointment or reappointment of the vice chancellors, provide advice annually to the President on the reappointment of the Chancellor, review Campus Budget Oversight Committee, Research Board, and Research Policy Committee nominees, and perform such other duties as the *Statutes* or Senate shall specify.

The Senate Executive Committee shall be composed of 16 members, including the Chair and a Vice-Chair, elected by ballot by and from among the membership of the Senate, and who shall be the presiding officers of the Senate Executive Committee. Nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair of the Senate Executive Committee shall be made by the Committee on Committees. In the event of a vacancy in the Vice-Chair position, an election by the Senate of a Vice-Chair will be conducted at the next meeting of the Senate in accordance with the provisions of *Bylaws* Part A, Section 5 (d).

NOMINATIONS

The Committee on Committees nominates the following Senators to fill one vacancy for Vice-Chair of the Senate Executive Committee created by the resignation of Tommy Justison (ACES) for the remainder of the term ending in 2019.

Submitted interest statements from nominees are attached. Each voter may cast one vote. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

Nicholas Burbules	EDUC
Eric Meyer	MDA
Kostas Yfantis	LAS

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Nancy O'Brien, Chair
 Roy Campbell
 Joseph Edwards
 Tim Flanagan
 Mrinaal Mittal
 Jennifer Monson
 Deniz Namik
 Christopher Span
 Jenny Roether, *ex officio*

Nominations from the floor must be accompanied by the nominee's signed statement of willingness to serve if elected and a statement of interest. The statement shall be dated and include the name of the position to be filled. If present, the nominee's oral statement will suffice.

STATEMENTS OF INTEREST AND EXPERIENCE**Nicholas Burbules (EDUC, Education Policy, Organization and Leadership)**

Nicholas C. Burbules has served previously as chair of the Senate Executive Committee and as chair of several other Senate committees and campus task forces. He is familiar with the workings of the Senate and with the major issues confronting the university. He has received the Outstanding Faculty Leadership Award from the campus.

Eric Meyer (MDA, Journalism)

My 22 years of service to the university after a long career as a professional journalist have taught me to become an effective and steadfast advocate for educational quality amid immense fiscal and political challenges. I understand the difficulties and opportunities of an information age; my scholarly creative endeavor has included creating and running an Internet startup, providing consulting services to media companies, and putting into practice innovations at a media company I still own. But I am not one who blindly views technology as an answer. I also am committed to educational quality, having been named 27 times in 22 years to the incomplete list of instructors rated as excellent. I already serve as a subcommittee chair of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy, as a member of the Senate Committee on Admissions, and as the Senate's representative to the Council on Learning Outcomes Assessment. I formerly was chair of the campus Assistant and Associate Deans and was a member of the campus Enrollment Management Strategy Committee, General Education Board, Educational Technology Board, Information Technology Advisory Board, Enrollment Management Council, and Committee on Admission of Student Athletes, as well as the system's Academic Programs Approval Group and Strategic Communications and Marketing Council.

Kostas Yfantis (LAS, Applied Technologies for Learning in the Arts & Sciences)

Fellow Senators: I am an Academic Professional (AP) in LAS working as an Assistant Director for Teaching & Learning with Technology in ATLAS. I am also pursuing the Professional MBA in the Gies College of Business. My experience and the multiple roles that I fulfill will bring a substantive perspective on the Senate Executive Committee (SEC). I believe in the instrumental role of shared governance in moving our University forward with transparency and decision-making that integrates the voices of faculty members, students, and academic staff. As I have done in the past, I plan to collaborate with my committee peers and constituents to be an effective advocate by synthesizing and representing their voices both on the Senate floor and on the SEC if selected as Vice-Chair. My service in the Senate, our campus, and University System demonstrates my commitment to the common good and includes: membership in the SEC (2010-11 & 2012-13), the 7th Senate Review Commission (2014), and the Presidential Search Committee (2014), as well as the Council of Academic Professionals (past member, Vice-Chair & Chair), the Online Learning Operations Advisory Committee (member & Co-Chair), and the University Professional Personnel Advisory Committee (past member & Chair).