

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

CC.20.03 Election of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Vice-Chair

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 for a one-year term as Vice-Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) ending in 2020. Nominees are listed in randomized order and a statement of interest and experience for each nominee is listed below. Each voter may cast one vote. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

John Dallesasse	(Professor, ENGR)
Nikhil Mathew Sebastian	(Undergraduate Student, ENGR)

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Nancy O'Brien, Chair
Roy Campbell
Audrey Dombro
Joseph Edwards
Tim Flanagan
Lilya Kaganovsky
Jennifer Monson
Deniz Namik
Christopher Span
Jenny Roether, *ex officio*

All nominations submitted from the Senate floor must include 1) Nominee's name, 2) Nominee's statement of willingness to serve, and 3) a 200 words or less statement of interest and experience. Nominees must be a senator at the time their term begins. Nominations from the floor can be presented solely in printed form, in the same manner as the slate brought forward by Committee on Committees.

STATEMENTS OF INTEREST AND EXPERIENCE

John Dallesasse (Professor, ENGR, Electrical and Computer Engineering)

I would be very happy to serve as the SEC Vice-Chair. I am committed to the academic excellence of our institution and would strive to foster a cooperative relationship and shared vision that enables us to successfully advance our core missions. Prior to coming to Illinois, I spent over 20 years in technical and management positions in industry with responsibilities that included guiding the strategic direction of organizations. In my 7+ years at Illinois I've been actively involved in shared governance. I serve on the ECE Department's Advisory Committee and represent the ECE faculty on the ECE Alumni Board. At the campus level, I chair the Campus Operations Committee and serve on both the Senate Executive Committee and University Senates Conference. I serve as an Associate Editor for the IEEE Journal of Quantum Electronics, chair the Optoelectronic Devices Technical Committee for IEEE-EDS, and chair the Steering Committee for the IEEE Transactions on Semiconductor Manufacturing. My technical contributions include, with Nick Holonyak, Jr., the discovery of III-V Oxidation – an enabling technology for the fabrication of high-speed vertical-cavity surface-emitting lasers. I am a member of the American Physical Society and am a Fellow of both the OSA and the IEEE.

Nikhil Mathew Sebastian (Undergraduate Student, ENGR, Electrical and Computer Engineering)

In my semester-and-a-half at UIUC, I have served as Communications Director of the Illinois Student Government (ISG), interim Technology Coordinator of the ISG, and have now been elected Senator. I have also been in student government through middle school and high school – from Senior House Captain to School Cultural Secretary. Through all this, my ability to envision impactful activities and then coordinate and execute them has been critical, hand-in-hand with my belief that it is my duty to give back institutions I call home. I am an experienced speaker, writer, and member of the Illinois Speech and Debate team, capable of mediating discussions and articulating thoughts and ideas. I have also held leadership positions in charity/service organizations like Rotary International and YsMen (YMCA) International, where I have envisioned and executed campaigns that have touched hundreds of lives. Furthermore, I have lead committees that have planned large inter-school events and regional hackathons and IT-fests since high school, and I will utilize these same leadership and management strengths as a leader of the SEC. I hope I will be given the honor of being the SEC Vice-Chair, and promise to use my talents and do my very best to improve our campus for everyone!

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