

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
Senate Executive Committee
(Final; Action)

SC.20.02 Election of Faculty Members to the Committee on Committees

BACKGROUND

The Committee shall consist of five senators who are members of the faculty electorate at the time of election, with no two from the same college, school, institute, or similar unit.

Continuing faculty members of the Committee on Committees and expiration of their terms are as follows:

Christopher Span	EDUC	2020
Jennifer Monson	FAA	2020

Nominations for the Committee on Committees shall be made by the incumbent Senate Executive Committee. Nominations may also be made for faculty committee positions by faculty senators. Each nomination shall be accompanied by the consent of the nominee and a short biographical sketch. Nominees must be senators at the time the committee term begins.

NOMINATIONS

The following faculty members are nominated for a two-year term ending 2021. Nominees are listed in randomized order and a statement of interest and experience for each nominee is listed below. Each voter may cast up to three votes. The three faculty members with the highest number of votes will be declared elected, with no two from the same college, school, institute, or similar unit.

John Dallesasse	ENGR
Laura Garrett	VMED
Rummana Alam	LAW
Randy McCarthy	LAS
Laura Christianson	ACES
James Brennan	LAS

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bettina Francis, <i>Chair</i>	Amy Hovious
Rob Kar, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	Gay Miller
Sara Benson	Scott Morris
Nicholas Burbules	Nancy O'Brien
John Dallesasse	Vikram Sardana
Joseph Edwards	Mark Steinberg
Shawn Gilmore	Joyce Tolliver
Richard Gonigam	

All nominations submitted from the Senate floor must include 1) Nominee's name, 2) Nominee's statement of willingness to serve, and 3) a 150 words or less statement of interest and experience. Nominees must be senators at the time the term begins. Nominations from the floor can be presented solely in printed form, in the same manner as the slate brought forward by SEC.

FACULTY STATEMENTS OF INTEREST AND EXPERIENCE

John Dallesasse (ENGR)

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 am 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.

Laura Garrett (VMED)

Dr. Laura Garrett is a Clinical Professor in Oncology, Coordinator of Communication Training, and head of Specialty Medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine. Her training included a DVM degree from University of Illinois in 1991, internship at University of Minnesota, 2 years in private practice, and residency at University of Wisconsin-Madison. After working in a New Zealand specialty clinic, she was on faculty at Kansas State University prior to returning to Illinois in 2006. Topics of publications include lymphoma, mast cell tumors, clinical trials, and communication skills. From 2015-2018, Dr. Garrett served as the Teaching Hospital Chief of Staff and as a member of the college Executive Committee while maintaining her clinical and teaching duties. She has served as the President of the Veterinary Cancer Society and is currently the incoming President for the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. She received the college Service Excellence Award in 2015.

Rummana Alam (LAW)

Rummana Alam is a teaching assistant professor in the College of Law and has been a member of the full-time faculty at the College of Law since 2010. She currently serves as Chair for the Senate's Student Life Committee. She has served as a Faculty Senator in the past and will begin her new term as Senator this year. Her involvement with the Senate and its committees has provided her with opportunities to meet faculty and students across campus and understand the ways in which we can all make the University stronger and better. For this reason, she would be honored to have an opportunity serve on the Committee on Committees.

Randy McCarthy (LAS)

Randy McCarthy is a professor of Mathematics who has been active in shared governance since arriving in 1994. He has served as the Department's Director of Undergraduate Studies 2004-2007, again 2015-present, and the Director of Graduate Studies 2009-2012. Additionally, he has been the Director of NetMath since 2013. In 2015, he also became the Faculty Director of ATLAS, the IT unit for the college of LAS. His campus service began in 2006 with the LAS 5-year strategic planning committee. He served on several campus committees including the MOOC and Online Strategy Advisory Committee (MSAC) and the Online Learning Operations Advisory Committee (OLOAC). A long time Senate member, Randy has been a member of Educational Policy 2013-2018, and served on the Seventh Senate Review Committee and the Senate Committee on Committees.

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Laura Christianson (ACES)

Laura Christianson, Ph.D., P.E., Assistant Professor of Water Quality in the Department of Crop Sciences at the University of Illinois, founded and co-leads the Illinois Drainage Research and Outreach Program (I-DROP). She began her role as Research Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois in September 2015 and transitioned into a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in November 2016. Dr. Christianson holds a Ph.D. in Agricultural Engineering (co-major: Sustainable Agriculture) from Iowa State University (2011), a M.S. in Biological and Agricultural Engineering from Kansas State University (2007), and a B.S. in Biosystems Engineering (Agronomy/Soil Science dual minor) from Oklahoma State University (2005). Her applied research and outreach program focuses on economically thriving farms and clean water outcomes. She was a Fulbright Fellow in New Zealand (2010) and was recently awarded the American Society of Agronomy Environmental Quality section's 2018 Inspiring Young Scientist Award.

James Brennan (LAS)

James R. Brennan is an Associate Professor of History at the University of Illinois. He works generally on the history of 20th Century East Africa, and has published the book *Taifa: Making Nation and Race in Urban Tanzania* (Ohio, 2012) as well as numerous articles and book chapters on this topic. He is also editor of the *Journal of Eastern African Studies*, and is currently researching two biographical projects concerning African politicians. He is a member of the Senate and University Senates Conference (USC) since 2017, serves on the Military Education Council and Campus Operations Committee, and chairs the Parking Advisory Committee.

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