

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(Final; Action)

SC.21.01 Election of a University Senates Conference (USC) Member to Serve on the Senate Executive Committee (SEC)

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Senate *Bylaws* Part D.1.b.i, Membership of the SEC: “one of the Senate's representatives to the University Senates Conference, elected by the Senate to serve on the Executive Committee”.

NOMINATIONS

The Senate Executive Committee nominates the following USC members to serve a one-year term on the SEC ending 2021. Statements of interest and experience are included. Each voter may cast one vote. A majority of votes shall be required to elect on the first ballot. If a majority vote is not reached on the first ballot, a runoff election shall be held between the two nominees who received the highest number of votes, and including all of those tied with the highest or second highest number of votes. A plurality of the votes cast shall be required to elect on the second ballot.

James Brennan	LAS
Helga Varden	LAS

All nominations submitted from the 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 USC member at the time the term begins. Nominations from the floor can be presented solely in written form, in the same manner as the slate brought forward by SEC.

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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STATEMENTS OF INTEREST AND EXPERIENCE

James Brennan (LAS)

James R. Brennan is Associate Professor in the Department of History, with a research focus on twentieth-century Africa. He is author of the book *Taifa: Making Nation and Race in Urban Tanzania* (Ohio University Press, 2012), which won the 2013 Bethwel Ogot Prize for best book in Eastern African Studies. He currently teaches courses on African History, Global History, and the History of Intelligence. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois (1991), and earned his Ph.D. at Northwestern University (2002). He has served on a number of UIUC senate committees, including Campus Operations, Military Education Council, and Admissions; he also currently serves as Chair of the UIUC Parking Advisory Committee. He has been a UIUC Senate representative member to the University Senates Conference (USC) since 2017, where his participation has largely focused on the USC's Statutes and Governance Committee.

Helga Varden (LAS)

Helga Varden is an Associate Professor in Philosophy (Ph.D. philosophy, University of Toronto, 2006) and in Women and Gender Studies. Though permanently at UIUC since 2006, she has held visiting positions at the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, and the University of St. Andrews. In addition to her book *Sex, Love, and Gender—A Kantian Theory* (OUP, 2020), Varden has roughly 50 publications in the areas of legal-political philosophy and its history, feminist philosophy, and the philosophy of sex and love. Along with these research activities, Varden has held leadership positions in general philosophical associations including the American Philosophical Association and the International Society for Law and Philosophy as well as in more specialized ones such as the North American Kant Society and The Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love. Varden is also an Executive Officer on the Editorial Board of *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*—a top-ranked philosophy journal. In her research, teaching, and service, Varden is committed to fostering scholarly excellence as well as improving diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the academy.