

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

SC.21.03 Election of Student Members to the Committee on Committees

**BACKGROUND**

The Committee on Committees shall consist of three senators who are members of the student electorate, with no two from the same college, school, institute, or similar unit, and at least one of whom shall be an undergraduate and at least one of whom shall be a graduate or professional student.

Nominations for the Committee on Committees shall be made by the incumbent Senate Executive Committee. Nominations may also be made for student committee positions by student senators. Each nomination shall be accompanied by the consent of the nominee and a 150 words or less statement of interest. Nominees must be student senators at the time the committee term begins.

**NOMINATIONS**

The Senate Executive Committee nominates the following student senators to serve a one-year term ending 2021. Statements of interest are included. Each voter may cast up to three votes. The three nominees with the highest number of votes will be declared elected, with no two from the same college, school, institute, or similar unit.

Abby Fogarty	GRAD
Akil Guruparan	GRAD
Cody Bainbridge	ENGR
Creen Ahmad	ACES
Sudarshana Rao	SSW

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 written form, in the same manner as the slate brought forward by SEC.

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## **STATEMENTS OF INTEREST AND EXPERIENCE**

### **Abby Fogarty (GRAD)**

I would like to express my interest in joining the Committee on Committees as a Graduate Student Senator. Being active in my university government is something that I am very passionate about. And, I have already had experience of being a member of the ISG Committee on Diversity and Inclusion this past year. Thus, I am aware of how to conduct myself and participate within a committee. More specifically, I am interested in being a member of the Committee on Committees because I understand the importance of the committee in determining placements in other Senate committees. I will work very hard to provide the best results that I can for this group. Furthermore, I will supply quality ideas and efforts to the committee and believe that I would be a good choice for a seat on it.

### **Akil Guruparan (GRAD)**

The best work of shared governance is done not on the general floor, but in committees devoted to particular issues that affect the student body and Champaign-Urbana community. It is therefore imperative that those committees are staffed by people who are passionate about both the issues they will be covering and the people they represent. In order to make sure that is the case, I would like to serve in the Committee on Committees and make sure people are where they need to be and where we as a community need them to be.

### **Cody Bainbridge (ENGR)**

My name is Cody Bainbridge, and I am a student senator for the college of engineering. I had an initial interest in joining a committee this year so that I could be more involved in the Senate. I chose the Committee on Committees because Ane has spoken highly of the committee. She has made it clear that this is an important committee where the members are passionate about their work and create an enjoyable environment. This is exactly the kind of people I would love to work with which is why I believe the Committee on Committees would be a good fit for me.

### **Creen Ahmad (ACES)**

I am a third year in the college of ACES. I have been very involved in academic endeavors on campus as well as social and political ones. I have great interests in serving the student body and giving back to the community. I have built a network among students who are involved on all areas of campus. I am passionate about bringing students together to work with faculty on committees. I think my participation on the Committee of committees would allow me to fulfill a greater service to students.

### **Sudarshana Rao (SSW)**

Sudarshana Rao is a senior at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, she has a burning passion for advocacy, social justice, and public policy. She has dedicated most of her college career to serving the needs of survivors of sexual violence through an intersectional lens. She has maintained several leadership positions at the University. She is the President of the registered student organization, Students Against Sexual Assault, a Senator within the Illinois Student Government and the Director of Illinois Student Government's Sexual Assault Prevention Department. Sudarshana Rao has dedicated her college career to uplifting the voices of marginalized communities through social activism. She hopes to pursue law school after college so that she can gain the skills to advocate for others on a larger scale.