

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES  
(Final; Action)

CC.22.21 Academic Professional Nominations to the Search Committee to Advise the Chancellor on the Selection of a Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Provost

**BACKGROUND**

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) approved SC.22.14, Procedures for Selecting a Search Committee to Advise the Chancellor on the Selection of a Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Provost at their meeting on July 8, 2022.

SC.22.14 states:

Committee on Committees shall work to ensure a representative and diverse pool of nominees for Senate consideration.

Committee on Committees shall provide a brief biographical sketch (150 words or less) of each of their nominees, along with a statement of willingness to serve. These nominees shall be presented to the full Senate. Additional nominations may be made on the floor of the Senate in accordance with Article VI, Section 11, of the Senate *Constitution*. All nominations submitted from the Senate floor must include 1.) Nominee's name, 2.) Nominee's statement of willingness to serve, and 3.) A brief biographical sketch of the nominee (150 words or less).

In addition, SC.22.14 states:

***Academic Professional Members (2):***

The Senate shall elect two (2) academic professional members. Committee on Committees shall nominate four academic professional members.

**NOMINATIONS**

The Committee on Committees nominates the following individuals to fill two (2) academic professional seats on the Search Committee to Advise the Chancellor on the Selection of a Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Provost.

- Chaya Sandler – Gies College of Business
- Jeffrey Stein – Prairie Research Institute
- Rachel Switzky – Siebel Center for Design
- Jen-chien Yu – Library Assessment

A brief biographical sketch is attached for each nominee. Senators may cast up to two (2) votes. Cumulative voting is not allowed.

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES**

### **Chaya Sandler – Gies College of Business**

Chaya Sandler is an experienced Academic Advisor at Illinois with a demonstrated history of working collaboratively across institutions. In 2021-2022 she served as a member of the Senate Executive Committee and the co-chair of the Chancellor's Academic Professional Excellence (CAPE) Award committee. In her current role as business minor advisor and cohort courses coordinator she partners with colleges and units across the University of Illinois to support the academic, professional, and personal development of Gies business minor students. She also partners with Gies faculty to support the BUS 101 course and other cohort experiential learning courses. Chaya is currently working on a Doctorate of Education researching faculty participation in shared governance.

### **Jeffrey Stein – Prairie Research Institute**

Stein is the Assistant Director for Research at the Prairie Research Institute, and recently served as its Interim Executive Director. He has extensive administrative and leadership experience, previously serving as a member and Chair of the Council of Academic Professionals; Assistant Parliamentarian of the Faculty Senate; member of the Senate Executive Committee and University Statutes and Senate Procedures Committee; and was a participant in both the UI System Professional Staff Leadership Academy and the Provost's Academic Leadership Program. Dr. Stein conducts applied research in fisheries ecology and management, in which he has a long record of collaborative team science, garnering more than \$10M in external grants and over 25 peer reviewed publications and contributions to published books and edited volumes. Dr. Stein serves as Associate Editor of the North American Journal of Fisheries management and sits on the Board of Directors of the Fisheries Conservation Foundation.

### **Rachel Switzky – Siebel Center for Design**

Rachel Switzky is the inaugural director of the Siebel Center for Design. Prior to her current appointment, she has been a global design leader working with Fortune 100 companies over the past 20 years. Most recently, she served as an Executive Director at IDEO, the company who pioneered the concept of design thinking. For the last decade in this role, she helped teams imagine futures and then put them into action, focusing on digital design, emergent technologies, and impact at-scale. Rachel attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, receiving her BFA and MFA in Industrial Design from the College of Fine & Applied Arts.

### **Jen-chien Yu – Library Assessment**

Jen-chien Yu is the Director of Library Assessment at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Jen joined the University Library in 2012 as the first Coordinator of Library Assessment and was promoted to the director level in 2018. She coordinates library assessment programs and works closely with faculty and staff across the Library, and around the University, to design and implement assessment activities that support data-informed decision making related to library services, collections, technology, and facilities. Jen has completed the Emerging Women Leader program (2014-2015) and Professional Staff Leadership Academy (2021). Both are highly competitive programs designed to the development of leaders at Illinois. Jen received her B.A. in library and information science from Tamkang University (Taiwan), a MLIS from University of Pittsburgh, and a Master of Computer Science in Data Science (MCS-DS) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Jen lives in Champaign with her husband and two children.