

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

CC.22.23 Faculty 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 the following regarding faculty members:

***Faculty Members (7-8):***

The Senate shall elect five (5) faculty members with no more than two from the same college. Committee on Committees shall nominate at least 10 faculty members. If the five faculty members elected by the Senate do not include minority representation, including women, then the female faculty member receiving the most votes and in addition the minority faculty member receiving the most votes shall be added to the committee first, followed by the remaining three faculty members according to the vote, with no more than two from the same college.

The Chancellor shall appoint two or three (2-3) additional faculty members with consideration for increasing the number of colleges represented, and with one or more of whom may have an administrative appointment.

## NOMINATIONS

The Committee on Committees nominates the following individuals to fill five (5) faculty seats on the Search Committee to Advise the Chancellor on the Selection of a Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Provost.

- Nerissa Brown – (BUS) Associate Professor of Accountancy
- Nicholas C. Burbules – (EDUC) Professor of Education Policy, Organization, & Leadership
- Pia Hunter – (LAW) Teaching Associate Professor, Law Library
- Harley Johnson – (ENGR) Professor of Mechanical Science & Engineering
- Prasanta Kalita – (ACES) Professor of Agricultural & Biological Engineering
- Gay Miller – (VMED) Professor of Pathobiology
- Linda Moorhouse – (FAA) Professor of Music
- J.W. Morrisette – (FAA) Teaching Professor, Acting & Theatre Studies
- Curtis Perry – (LAS) Professor of English
- Lisa Romero – (LIBR) Associate Professor, Library
- Helga Varden – (LAS) Professor of Philosophy
- Yang Wang – (i-SCHOOL) Associate Professor, Information Sciences

A brief biographical sketch is attached for each nominee. Senators may cast up to five (5) votes. Cumulative voting is not allowed.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES  
Chaya Sandler, Chair  
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Virginia Dominguez  
Cindy Ingold  
Hadiya Jagroop  
Jeffrey Eric Jenkins  
Prasanta Kalita  
Ari Kelo  
Jenny Roether, *ex officio*

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES**

### **Nerissa Brown – (BUS) Associate Professor of Accountancy**

Nerissa Brown is Associate Dean of Graduate Programs and previously was Academic Director of the BS/MAS program. She has expertise in graduate and undergraduate business education. She has connected Gies strongly with HBCUs, designing our ACCY Opportunities program. She has served as an academic fellow at the US SEC, has a very strong publication record in the top academic accountancy journals, and serves on prestigious editorial boards (e.g., The Accounting Review). She has mentored assistant professors and recruited promising URM doctoral students. She is a highly respected faculty member, as indicated by repeated elections to Departmental and College level advisory committees. She elevates the diversity of College leadership as a Black woman who has won numerous awards (e.g., Lester McKeever Jr. Outstanding Leader in Advancing Diversity Award 2022, Illinois CPA Society; Diversity Excellence Award, American Accounting Association). She earns high evaluations from Gies Business students.

### **Nicholas C. Burbules – (EDUC) Professor of Education Policy, Organization, & Leadership**

Nicholas C. Burbules is Gutsell Professor in the Department of Education Policy, Organization, and Leadership. He has served on previous Provost, Chancellor, and Presidential search committees. He has been involved more or less continuously in the Senate since he came to Illinois in 1989, and has chaired several major Senate committees and task forces, including the Senate Executive Committee and, currently, the committee on General University Policy. He has also served on the University Senates Conference at the system level, and in that capacity has led a multi-year process to revamp and update the University Statutes. He is a strong advocate for the faculty role in shared governance.

### **Pia Hunter – (LAW) Teaching Associate Professor, Law Library**

Pia Hunter served on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee 2020-21, chaired the Senate Library Committee 2020-2021, and serves on the Chancellor's Joint Advisory Committee on Investment, Licensing & Naming Rights, January 2022 to present. She is a double-Illini who earned her law and MSLIS degrees at UIUC. Pia Hunter is a nationally recognized expert on copyright and fair use law. She works closely with the iSchool and the University Library on these issues.

### **Harley Johnson – (ENGR) Professor of Mechanical Science & Engineering**

Harley Johnson is a Professor of Mechanical Science and Engineering and the Associate Dean for Research in the Grainger College of Engineering. Since joining the Illinois faculty in 2001 he has served the institution in a variety of roles, including as a Faculty Fellow in the OVCRI, and as a member of the Senate, the SEC, the University Senates Conference, the Athletic Board, and several department, college, and campus level search committees. He was a Fellow of the President's Executive Leadership Program and is a past recipient of the Campus Award for Outstanding Faculty Leadership, the Larine Y. Cowan Award for Excellence in Diversity, and the UI Presidential Medallion. His research is in the mechanics of electronic materials. He currently directs an NSF NRT training grant in materials and data science, and is a fellow of ASME and SES.

### **Prasanta Kalita – (ACES) Professor of Agricultural & Biological Engineering**

Dr. Prasanta Kalita is a Professor of Agricultural & Biological Engineering at UIUC. He serves as the chair of the Honorary Degree Committee, and a member of the Senate Executive Committee and University Senate Conference. Prasanta previously chaired the Campus Committee on Race and Ethnicity (CORE) and the Teaching Advancement Board. Prasanta also previously served on a UIUC Provost Search Committee. He currently serves on the P&T as well as Executive Committee in ACES. Prasanta is a Distinguished Teacher Scholar at UIUC and also an adjunct faculty of DPI (serves as the lead on UIUC Water and Environment group). He is a Fellow of the ASABE and ISAE, and recently was honored as member of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences by the Government of India. Prasanta has a well-funded research program and has served as an Associate Editor, Co-editor, and the Editor-in-Chief of three international journals.

### **Gay Miller – (VMED) Professor of Pathobiology**

Gay Miller joined Illinois as Professor and Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs in the College of Veterinary Medicine. She is Professor and Division Chair of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, Adjunct Professor in Agricultural and Consumer Economics, and Inaugural Professor in our College of Medicine. Her relevant campus leadership: Provost's Campus Budget Oversight Committee, Chair 2003-2005; Provost's Promotion and Tenure Committee; many Senate Committees: Senate Committee on Educational Policy, Chair 2011-2015 and 2017-2019; Senate Executive Committee Chair 2015-2017; University Senates Conference 2013-2016, and Chair of USC Academic Affairs and Research Committee. She has served on many search committees, including the Dean of CICOM search. Gay Miller's main research focus is on foreign animal diseases (FADs) - the epidemiology, economics, and social impacts of FADs. She teaches undergraduates, veterinary and graduate students on many subjects including epidemiology, food safety, public health, disease outbreak investigation, and FAD prevention, response, and control.

**Linda Moorhouse – (FAA) Professor of Music**

Prof. Moorhouse is Associate Director of the School of Music and one of the most renowned band conductors in the United States. She is also extremely involved in campus faculty governance. She served on the Provost's Task Force on Student Code Academic Policies, and just completed her second year as Chair of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy, where they approved more than 225-plus proposals on curricula. She was elected to serve a third term as Chair of Ed Pol next year. She also just completed a second year on the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), and had monthly meetings with the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellors, and/or Provost. She also served as Chair of a SEC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee, and as a member of the Search Committee for a new campus Coordinator for Educational Programs. Within the School of Music, Prof. Moorhouse oversees general operations and all of the school's undergraduate programs.

**J.W. Morrisette – (FAA) Teaching Professor, Acting & Theatre Studies**

J.W. Morrisette is the Associate Head of the Department of Theatre at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and has served in the Department of Theatre for 26 years. He has served as chair of the BFA Theatre Studies Program, the Assistant Head for Academic Programs, as well as the assistant program coordinator for INNER VOICES Social Issues Theatre. At the University of Illinois, his classes include Acting, Directing, Introduction to Theatre Arts, and Broadway Musicals. He has been integral in developing components for the online course offerings in the department as well as supervising all senior Theatre Studies Thesis Projects. He has received the Provost's Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award as well as the College of Fine and Applied Arts Specialized Faculty Award for Excellence at the University of Illinois.

**Curtis Perry – (LAS) Professor of English**

Professor of English at UIUC since 2006, with specialization in Shakespeare and early modern literature and culture. Research is on renaissance uses of classical Roman literature and on literature and political thought in England ca. 1550-1700. Harvard PhD, 1993. Assistant and Associate Professor at Arizona State University from 1995-2006. Head of the Department of English at Illinois from 2008-2013. Interim Head of Classics in Fall 2021. Interim Associate Dean in LAS in 2013-14 and 2022-23. Faculty member of each of the last two campus-wide budget-model revisions.

**Lisa Romero – (LIBR) Associate Professor, Library**

Lisa Romero (Associate Professor, University Library) is Head of the Communications Library and library liaison to the College of Media, Department of Communication and Department of Latina/Latino Studies. She received her MLS from the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Lisa joined the faculty in 1989 as an Assistant Professor in the Undergraduate Library. She has chaired numerous search committees, served as the Library's Affirmative Action Officer, and served on numerous Library committees including its Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee, EEO Committee and Faculty Review Committee as well as the campus' Faculty Advisory Committee. As an alum and faculty member, Professor Romero is committed to the educational mission of the University and how the University contributes to society.

**Helga Varden – (LAS) Professor of Philosophy**

Helga Varden is Professor of Philosophy, Gender and Women Studies, and Political Science. She has held visiting positions at the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, and the University of St. Andrews. She is an executive editor of the Canadian Journal of Philosophy and is the author of *Sex, Love, and Gender* (OUP 2020). She has held leadership positions in professional organizations such as the American Philosophical Association, the North American Kant Society, the International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, and the Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love. A member of the UIUC faculty since 2006, she serves in the Faculty Senate, on the Senate Executive Committee, and on the University Senates Conference.

**Yang Wang – (i-SCHOOL) Associate Professor, Information Sciences**

Yang Wang is an associate professor of information science, and by courtesy, computer science, in the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he co-directs the Social Computing Systems (SALT) Lab. His current research focuses on designing inclusive privacy mechanisms for marginalized users. He has won an NSF CAREER award, an IAPP SOUPS Privacy Award, Meta/Facebook research awards, and a Top Privacy Paper for Policy Makers selected by the Future of Privacy Forum. He and his work have appeared in media outlets such as the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, BBC and China Daily. He has communicated his research to policy makers by giving invited talks at the Federal Trade Commission. He received his Ph.D. in information and computer science from the University of California, Irvine.