

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

SC.25.02 Election of Student Senators to the 2024-2025 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.

The incumbent Senate Executive Committee shall make Nominations for the Committee on Committees. Student senators may also make nominations for student committee positions. 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 2025. Each senator may vote for up to three nominees. 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, and at least one of whom shall be an undergraduate and at least one of whom shall be a graduate or professional student. Statements of interest are included.

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| Patrick Conlon | ENGR | Student Senator | COLLEGE |
| Wesam Mohamad | GRAD | Student Senator | COLLEGE |
| Isaac Zipperstein | ACES | Student Senator | COLLEGE |

Nominations from the floor must be accompanied by the nominee's willingness to serve if elected and indicate the position to be filled, or the nominee's oral acceptance if present. Nominees must be senators at the time the term begins. A statement of interest limited to 150 words is also requested.

2023-2024 SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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| Jeffrey Eric Jenkins, Chair | Steve Hall | James Quisenberry |
| Jon Hale, Vice-Chair | Yvette Johnson-Walker | Chaya Sandler |
| Nicholas Burbules | Alex Koscielski | Josh Small |
| Angel Chatterton | Angela Lyons | Joyce Tolliver |
| Maya Crystal | Beth Meschewski | H. George Friedman, <i>ex officio</i> |
| David Dalpiaz | Gay Miller | Robert Jones, <i>ex officio</i> |
| David Forsyth | Nolan Miller | |

STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

Patrick Conlon, Undergraduate Student, ENGR

As a student senator representing the College of Engineering, I am deeply committed to enhancing the academic experience for all students at UIUC. Embracing the diversification of voices and perspectives is paramount to fostering an inclusive and vibrant university environment. By joining the Senate Committee on Committees, I aim to ensure that all student and other vacancies are promptly filled, enabling a comprehensive representation of our student body. Through my work on this committee, I intend to play a role in fostering a productive and highly participatory Senate, ultimately benefiting the UIUC community by ensuring diverse representation and equitable decision-making processes.

Wesam Mohamed, Graduate Student, GRAD

As an active participant in university governance, I am eager to contribute to the work of the Committee on Committees as the graduate student representative. My experiences within Campus Operations and Budget Senate committees, along with my term on the University Senate during Spring 2024, have provided me with a deep understanding of Senate committees. Representing 530,000 students across Canada during my tenure at the Canadian Federation of Students has honed my skills in effective representation. At UIUC, I served on the Students Advising Board on Graduate Education (SAGE) and currently hold the position of a graduate student representative on the Illinois Student Council (ISC). Through these roles, I have gained valuable insights into the unique challenges faced by graduate students. I am confident that my ability to collect graduate students' input through ISC and facilitate collaboration among diverse stakeholders will enable me to contribute meaningfully to the committee.

Isaac Zipperstein, Undergraduate Student, ACES

I currently serve on the Committee on Committees and have embraced the role by making it my duty to fill as many student vacancies as possible on Senate Committees and the general Senate body. I intend to continue this work next year on the Committee on Committees.