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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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SC.25.11 Election of Student Senators to Fill Vacancies on 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. (*Bylaws* Part D.6.b.2)

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. (*Bylaws* Part D.6.c.1)

NOMINATIONS

The Senate Executive Committee nominates the following student senators to serve a one-year term ending 2025. Statements of interest are included.

If no nominations are made from the floor, the following student senators will be declared elected.

Myles Johnson ENGR
Alex Belanger LAS
Lilah Leopold GRAD

If nominations are made from the floor:

- Whether from the Committee on Committees or from the floor, each nomination shall have the consent of the nominee (*Bylaws* Part B.5).
- Nominees must be senators at the time the term begins. (*Bylaws* Part D.6.c.1)
- A statement of interest limited to 150 words is also requested.
- 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.

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Robert Jones, *ex officio*

STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

Alex Belanger, Undergraduate Student, LAS

I have spent most of my (albeit brief) academic career involved in shared governance at this university. In August of 2023, I was selected to serve as the Parliamentarian of the ISC. While serving in that role, I also served as the Chairperson of the Ethics Board. In Spring 2024, I was elected to represent the students of LAS in the ISC, and subsequently was internally elected to serve as the Deputy Speaker. While in that role, I chair the Committee on Operations and facilitate the vacancy filling process for Student Senators in the UC Senate. Additionally, I was recently elected by the UC Senate to serve on the Chancellor Search Committee. I believe that these experiences, in addition to my non-advocacy related extracurriculars, give me a unique student driven perspective that will assist me in executing the responsibilities of serving as a member of the Committee on Committees.

Myles Johnson, Undergraduate Student, ENGR

Myles is a passionate member of many communities on campus including Engineers Without Borders, Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity, and Students involved in Environmental Concerns. He is one of the Senators working to organize student senators with the Student Senator Caucus, and the only one from Grainger, positioning him well to help fill student committee seats.

Lilah Leopold, Graduate Student, FAA

I am well positioned to do work on the Committee on Committees and all it does for shared governance. My graduate training at Illinois has been interdisciplinary and far-reaching, preparing me to effectively reach across the entire graduate student body. Studies in the sociology of science and technology accompanied my MA in art history. Additional roles granted me an unprecedented overview of campus networks: in my home department (Art + Design), I have held all available student leadership positions. I also served as a Steward for the Graduate Employees Organization for many years, as well as serving as an appointed member on the Humanities Research Institute Graduate Student Advisory Committee. Previous curatorial work in the arts and sciences at the Krannert Art Museum also offered training in working effectively across our community at large. I hope to fill a graduate vacancy on the Committee on Committees.