

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

CC.26.04 Election of Faculty Senators to the 2025-2026 Senate Committee on University
Senates Conference (USC)

BACKGROUND

The University Senates Conference is a System-wide body established by the *Statutes* and composed of a total of twenty representatives from the several university senates. The number of representatives from each senate is specified in the *Statutes* [Article II, Section 2.a.1]. The representatives are elected by their respective senates for three-year terms beginning on the first day of the academic year following their election and must be faculty senators at the time their committee term begins. As close to one-third as possible of the representatives from each senate are elected each year. Representatives from the Urbana-Champaign Senate may serve no more than two full terms consecutively. (*Bylaws* Part D.18)

The Senate Committee on the University Senates Conference shall keep the Senate informed concerning matters before the Conference and represent the interests of the Senate in the Conference. One member of the Committee on University Senates Conference shall be elected to the Senate Executive Committee, as prescribed in *Bylaw* D, 1 (b).

Members of the Urbana delegation to the USC, and the year their terms expire are listed below. Members in *italics* have terms expiring.

2025		2026		2027	
<i>Roy Campbell</i>	ENGR	Prasanta Kalita	ACES	Jon Hale	EDUC
<i>Jeffrey Eric Jenkins</i>	FAA	Angela Lyons	ACES	William Maher	LIBR
<i>Carol Leff</i>	LAS	Carol Symes	LAS	Linda Moorehouse	FAA
		Joyce Tolliver	LAS		

NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Committees nominates the following faculty senators for a three-year term on the University Senates Conference (USC), expiring in **2028**. Statements of interest are included.

Kathryn Clancy	LAS
Linda Herrera	EDUC
Rob Kar	LAW
Charles Roseman	LAS

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. A statement of interest limited to 150 words is also requested.

Each senator may vote for up to **three faculty senator nominees**. The three nominees with the highest number of votes will be declared elected.

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Chaya Sandler, Chair

Alex Belanger

Kent Choquette

Linda Herrera

Myles Johnson

Prasanta Kalita

Robin Kar

Lilah Leopold

Carol Symes

Jenny Roether, *ex officio*

STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

Kathryn Clancy (Professor, Anthropology – LAS)

I am committed to shared governance and am passionate about building coalitions across the system. I am a recognized leader, having won both the inaugural campus Public Engagement Award and Campus Leadership Award. At this moment I want to commit my skills and time to higher education and specifically to the people of UI.

Linda Herrera (Professor, Educational Policy Organization Leadership – EDUC)

Higher education in the United States is at an inflection point. I am interested in serving in the University Senates Conference (USC) to support, lend guidance to, and work collectively with colleagues during this critical period. We need advocates to uphold principles of shared governance, academic freedom, and constitutional protections for all members of the university community. Being an international education scholar with over three decades of experience working in three continents with governments, civil society organizations, and multilateral organization on education policy, has served as valuable preparation for this position.

Rob Kar (Professor – LAW)

As a professor of law and philosophy, I would be happy to serve on USC if this body believes my experience could be useful. Having led USC as President and Vice President, and as President of this Academic Senate for three years, including during the COVID-19 pandemic, I bring a deep understanding of shared governance. My roles as President of the local AAUP chapter and head of the philosophy department for three years strengthened my skills in collaboration and addressing challenges. While I initially stepped back from Senate leadership to support

emerging leaders, my experience may be useful for today's new challenges. With a proven track record in leadership, advocacy, and consensus-building, I believe I am especially well equipped to contribute to this body's mission as a USC representative, where I would seek to safeguard our institution's values, including academic freedom and shared governance.

Charles Roseman (Associate Professor, Evolution, Ecology & Behavior – LAS)

Charles C Roseman is an Associate Professor of Evolution, Ecology, & Behavior. He studies the evolution of organismal form and issues involving race, politics, and genetics. His work has been published in a diversity of journals, including PNAS, BioEssays, and Evolution. His public facing work on science may be found in Jacobin and Scientific American and was reported on in Le Monde and Science. Roseman has served on the Educational Policy Committee and was the Vice Chair of the Senate Executive Committee for a several months stint. He served as a member of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure for several years and as Chair for the 2024-2025 academic year. Roseman has demonstrated an ability to hold administrators accountable for their actions while maintaining a good working relationship with the administration. As a member of USC, Roseman would work to ensure that institutional decisions are made through meaningful shared governance.