

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

CC.27.05 Election of a University Senates Conference (USC) Member to Serve on the 2026-2027 Senate Executive Committee (SEC)

BACKGROUND

One member of the Committee on University Senates Conference shall be elected to the Senate Executive Committee, as prescribed in Part D.1.c of the *Bylaws* (*Bylaws* Part D.18).

The Senate Executive Committee shall consist of (i) one of the Senate's representatives to the University Senates Conference, elected by the Senate at its organizational meeting. Nominees shall be those members of the Committee on University Senates Conference who consent to serve if elected. [All continuing and newly elected USC members were invited to self-nominate. Only those listed in this proposal provided consent to serve if elected.]

A majority of votes shall be required to elect on the first ballot. If a majority vote is not reached on the first ballot, a runoff election shall be held between the two nominees who received the highest number of votes and including all of those tied with the highest or second highest number of votes. A plurality of the votes cast shall be required to elect on the second ballot. (*Bylaws* Part D.1.c.1.i)

NOMINATIONS

On behalf of the University Senates Conference members who consent to serve on the Senate Executive Committee if elected, the Committee on Committees presents the following nominees to serve a one-year term on the SEC ending 2027. Each senator may cast one vote.

- A. Linda Moorhouse FAA
- B. Linda Herrera EDUC

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.

Please note this ballot is subject to change and is contingent upon the outcome of prior elections.

2025-2026 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
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STATEMENT OF INTEREST

A. **Linda Moorhouse (Professor, FAA)**

I am interested in serving as a representative of the University Senates Conference (USC) on the Senate Executive Committee (SEC). I value shared governance and clear, direct communication across campuses. My experience in faculty governance and academic administration has given me practice in tracking complex issues, asking focused questions, and translating information for colleagues. The role requires careful listening, clear and timely communication, and consistent, honest representation of faculty interests. My prior campus service includes the University of Illinois Athletic Board; chairing the Senate Committee on Educational Policy; serving on campus-wide committees; and participation in the Big Ten Academic Alliance Academic Leadership Program and the University of Illinois President's Executive Leadership Program.

B. **Linda Herrera (Professor, EDUC)**

As an educator and scholar of global studies of education in the College of Education, I fully appreciate that we cannot take shared governance for granted, but need to constantly protect and work for it. In light of this, I would like to serve as the representative of the USC on the Senate Executive Committee (SEC). As a liaison between the USC and the SEC, I would ensure that the SEC receives timely information about the USC's activities in ways that reaffirm the UI system commitment to shared governance and communication across the three campuses.