

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

CC.27.10 Student Nominations to the 2026-2027 Joint Advisory Committee on Investment, Licensing, and Naming Rights

BACKGROUND

The Joint Advisory Committee on Investment, Licensing, and Naming Rights (1) Provides advice, consistent with the values of the University, to the Office of the Chancellor on issues of social responsibility related to campus investment, licensing, and naming rights. Such issues may include licensing the University's names, symbols, and insignia; supporting workers' rights and fair labor practices; sponsoring products; and advancing corporate social responsibility. (2) Reviews proposals to name campus buildings, classrooms, or other physical facilities for donors or other honorees. (3) Fulfills the Senate's requirement to provide advice regarding eponymic renaming of academic units (*Statutes*, Article VIII, Section 4). And (4) Reports promptly to the Senate outcomes of its votes on eponymic renaming of academic units, anonymized as appropriate.

Three student members shall be appointed by the Chancellor, in consultation with the Chair of the Senate Executive Committee, from nominations of at least two individuals for each vacancy made by the Committee on Committees and approved by the Senate. The three student members shall serve renewable terms of one year.

NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Committees recommends approval of the following slate of nominees to fill three student vacancies including at least one undergraduate student and at least one graduate or professional student, with terms expiring in 2027.

Graduate/Professional Nominees

Paul Arnav	GRAD
Maya Bergamasco	GRAD
Alyssa Kosek	GRAD

Undergraduate Nominees

Klaudia Babel	LAS
Madison Fanning	ENGR
Grayson Hodson	LAS

If no additional nominations are made, the nominees below will be forwarded to the Chancellor for selection of three students to serve. Student members shall serve renewable terms of one year.

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.

2025-2026 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

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STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

Paul Arnav (Graduate Student, GRAD)

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Joint Advisory Committee on Investment, Licensing, and Naming Rights (JACILNR) for the 2026–2027 academic year. As a PhD candidate in Chemistry with experience in data-driven research and consulting, I bring a strong analytical mindset and a structured approach to evaluating complex decisions. Through my academic work in computational chemistry, I have developed the ability to assess large datasets, identify key insights, and communicate findings clearly to diverse audiences. In addition, my involvement in consulting initiatives has strengthened my understanding of strategic decision-making, stakeholder perspectives, and the importance of balancing innovation with long-term impact. I am particularly interested in contributing to discussions around responsible investment, licensing strategies, and institutional decision-making that reflect the university's values and mission. I would value the opportunity to bring a thoughtful, student-centered perspective while learning from faculty and administrators involved in these processes.

Maya Bergamasco (Graduate Student, GRAD)

Maya Bergamasco is a doctoral student in information sciences at the School of Information Sciences. Before enrolling at UIUC, Maya was Faculty Research & Scholarly Support Librarian at Harvard Law School (HLS) Library. While at Harvard, she served as the Harvard Libraries (HL) BIPOC Community Convener, the HL EDIBA Council representative for HLS, and held additional regional and national committee and mentorship roles for the Law Librarians of New England, the Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association, and the American Association of Law Libraries. Maya is deeply interested in serving on the Library Senate Committee and is committed to serving the full term on the committee as a first year doctoral student. Maya looks forward to using 6 years of practitioner experience and past professional service to serve the UIUC community with a passion for library outreach and engagement.

Alyssa Kosek (Graduate Student, GRAD)

I am a Master of Health Administration student with experience in market feasibility, operations, and structured decision-making. My work has centered on evaluating resource allocation, assessing organizational risk, and supporting initiatives that require clarity, long-range thinking, and cross-functional alignment. Through my market feasibility internship this summer, I will analyze community needs, financial implications, and strategic positioning to

inform investment decisions. In my operations and strategy roles, I have supported projects involving stakeholder coordination, process evaluation, and the development of frameworks that guide responsible resource use. I am interested in serving on the Investment, Licensing, and Naming Rights Committee because I value responsible capital stewardship and understand how these decisions shape both the institution's financial health and public identity. I hope to contribute an analytical, mission-aligned perspective that balances strategic value, transparency, and community impact while supporting thoughtful, accountable governance.

Kludia Babel (Undergraduate Student, LAS)

Pre-Law, serves on two RSO executive boards as tech chair and social media coordinator, interested in trademark and media law. Interest in committee lies in how the Illinois trademark is utilized for merchandise and it affects school image, particularly within athletics and usage of the former mascot.

Madison Fanning (Undergraduate Student, ENGR)

As a dual-degree honors student, Madison brings diverse perspectives and extensive experience in student engagement. Having worked in various student affairs offices, including New Student and Family Experiences and Women in Engineering, Madison is highly skilled in student advocacy, leadership, and community building. Madison cares deeply about creating strong brand identity so that everyone knows Illinois and the accomplished students it produces. Madison would be honored to serve on this committee and contribute to the great legacy of the University.

Grayson Hodson (Undergraduate Student, LAS)

Since first arriving Grayson sought to engage in every avenue possible to effect change at the University of Illinois. Over his last three years on campus, while studying Economics and Political Science, he has been intimately connected to campus ongoings. When he was a writer for the Daily Illini, he wrote about the attacks by the federal government on our international student population and changes to the FO-82 Expressive Activity Policy. Additionally, during his time as the Environmental Sustainability Coordinator for the Illinois Student Council, he worked with the administration in developing various sustainability initiatives for students. Now, he aims to work within the shared governance structure of the University to help make changes to the benefit of all students on campus.