

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

SC.27.01 Election of Faculty Senators to the 2026-2027 Committee on Committees

BACKGROUND

The Senate Committee on Committees (CC) includes faculty representation as outlined in Part D.6.b of the Senate *Bylaws*. Five faculty senators who are members of the faculty electorate at the time of election, with **at most one from the same college**, school, institute, or similar unit.

Nominations for the CC shall be made by the incumbent Senate Executive Committee (SEC). Nominations may also be made for faculty committee positions by faculty senators. Each nomination shall be accompanied by the consent of the nominee. **Nominees must be faculty senators at the time the committee term begins.** (*Bylaws* Part D.6.c.1)

Continuing faculty members with terms expiring 2027:

Gal Hochman	ACES
Tania Ionin	LAS
Bernhard Scully	FAA

NOMINATIONS

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) nominates the following faculty senators to serve a two-year term ending **2028** on the Senate Committee on Committees.

- A. Linda Herrera**, Professor – EDUC
- B. Michelle Hutchens**, Associate Professor – BUS
- C. Zachary Boyce**, Teaching Assistant Professor – LAW
- D. Madelyn Sanfilippo**, Assistant Professor – SIS

A statement of interest from each nominee is included below.

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 **two faculty senator nominees**. Cumulative voting is not permitted. The two nominees with the highest number of votes, with at most one from the same college, school, institute, or similar unit, will be declared elected.

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STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

A. Linda Herrera, Professor

Education Policy, Organization & Leadership – College of Education

I would like to continue serving on CC to ensure that senate committees have strong and diverse representation from across campus. This representation takes into consideration professional rank (from junior to senior, academic professionals to tenure track faculty and staff), disciplinary breadth and experience from across the different schools, gender, and other points of diversity that make this university so rich and robust.

B. Michelle Hutchens, Associate Professor

Accountancy – Gies College of Business

Michelle Hutchens has been a member of our faculty for ten years. She teaches an undergraduate course on U.S. federal income taxation, and her research is concentrated at the intersection of corporate taxation and financial reporting, with an emphasis on the decision usefulness of tax disclosures and tax policy. Michelle will be serving on the University Senate for the first time during the 2026-2027 academic year and is excited to engage in the important work of the Senate. Michelle's prior service commitments include leadership positions with the American Taxation Association, committee work at the department, college, and university levels, and volunteering with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, which provides experiential learning for students and an important service to our community. Prior to joining academia, Michelle worked in public accounting and has over ten years of tax consulting experience. Michelle earned her B.S., M.B.A. and PhD from Indiana University.

C. Zachary Boyce, Teaching Assistant Professor

Law Library – College of Law

Professor Zachary Boyce holds both a Juris Doctor and Master of Science in Information Sciences that he completed concurrently at the University of North Carolina. At UIUC, he is a faculty librarian in the College of Law. He begins his first 2-year term on the Senate this fall and is eager to serve on the Committee on Committees as a practical way of familiarizing himself the functions and priorities of our shared legislative body. Professor Boyce is excited about joining the Senate to support the university's mission and to foster a cross-culturally sensitive shared governance environment while enriching the debate with his diverse lived experiences and perspectives.

D. Madelyn Sanfilippo, Assistant Professor

School of Information Sciences - iSchool

Madelyn Sanfilippo is an expert on data governance, technology policy, and privacy. As a current senator and vice-chair of the iSchool's Bylaws committee, she has gained experience applying insights from data driven policy making and institutional analysis to university service.