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CC.27.15

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

(Final; Action)

CC.27.15 Election of Members on Standing Committees of the Senate and Senate Representatives to Governance, Advisory, and Other Bodies at the October 19, 2026, Senate Meeting

NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Committees (CC) received notice of the following resignations or unfilled positions from the 2026–2027 Senate Organizational and Elections Meeting. Committee vacancies include either positions left unfilled at that meeting or subsequent resignations.

Where CC received a nomination accompanied by a Statement of Interest, the nomination and statement appear below the corresponding committee.

All nominations must be in accordance with Senate *Bylaws.*

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
Eric Kurt, Chair
Zachary Boyce
Linda Herrera
Gal Hochman
Tania Ionin
Myles Johnson
Sahil Jain, *ex officio*
Jenny Roether, *ex officio*

Council on Student Conduct Expectations and Accountability (SA)

◆ **Two graduate student vacancies left unfilled during the spring 2026 election.**

Bylaws Part D.7:

Seven student members, four undergraduates, three graduate or professional students.

	Last Name	First Name	College	Cmte Term	Title/Position	Unit/Major
Chair	Schmitz	Christopher	ENGR	2027	Teaching Professor	Electrical & Computer Engineering
Faculty	Abraham	Ivan	ENGR	2028	Teaching Assistant Professor	Electrical & Computer Engineering
	Carlson	Kristin	AHS	2027	Teaching Assistant Professor	Health & Kinesiology
	Holder	Sara	LIBR	2028	Head of Teaching, Learning and Academic Support	University Library
	Magee	Rachel	SIS	2028	Teaching Associate Professor	School of Information Sciences
	Wickes	Elizabeth	SIS	2027	Senior Lecturer	School of Information Sciences
Students	Camas-Aranda	Reynaldo	LAS	2027	Undergraduate Student	
	Carson	Maci	ACES	2027	Undergraduate Student	Public Policy and Law
	Chen	Jingyuan	GRAD	2027	Graduate Student	Informatics
	Graves	Rylee	LAS	2027	Undergraduate Student	Political Science and Communication
	Holt	Patrick	ACES	2027	Undergraduate Student	Agricultural & Consumer Economics
	Newman	*Jarrett*	*GRAD*	*2027*	*Graduate Student*	*Curriculum & Instruction*
	Rogers-Kane	*Med*	*GRAD*	*2027*	*Graduate Student*	*Technology Management*
AO's	Hazen	Meghan	AO	2028	Registrar	Office of the Registrar
	Jones	Herb	AO	2027	Director, Residential Life for University Housing	University Housing
	Kuntz	Kristi	AO	2028	Executive Associate Provost for Academic Programs & Policies	Office of the Provost
	Wilczynski	Bob	AO	2027	Director, Student Conflict Resolution	Office for Student Conflict Resolution

SA STUDENT NOMINEES

A. ***Newman, Jarrett (GRAD)***

I am interested in serving to ensure the student code of conduct is legible and accessible to students. Too often students take the code of conduct for granted and do not read it until they find themselves in some form of trouble. As an educator, archivist, and museum professional, I believe it's critical to communicate big, abstract, or confusing ideas and concepts as clearly and directly as possible. This allows students who are in the process of developing critical thinking skills to better understand complicated language. I also want to serve as a way of ensuring that the student code reflects the realities of being a young person navigating life away from family for the first, an international student figuring out a new country and place, or a graduate student who's transitioning back into academia after working in the corporate world. I am grateful for your consideration of my service.

B. ***Rogers-Kane, Med (GRAD)***

As a TA, I made instructional materials and facilitated discussions to help teach fellow students academic integrity rules. My University Senate work as a Senator at UIUC has strengthened my understanding of institutional governance and the importance of developing policies that serve our community. The Student Conduct's committee's 2024–2025 annual report documents substantive work on hazing provisions and student organization governance. Building on this policy work, I am interested in during the 2026-2027 building on prior years work to help the university can address emerging challenges, including generative AI, while ensuring students understand their academic integrity obligations. I would bring the committee both experience in academic integrity education and a governance perspective focused on clear standards, fair application, and a campus culture of integrity and accountability.

C. ***Merkel, Nathan (GRAD)***

I am interested in serving on this committee to better evolve, develop, and mold my service aptitude within (and in the future, outside of) the University of Illinois. I have recently served as the Graduate Student Representative within the RST Department where I was responsible for communicating department wide initiatives to all PhD students, as well as representing the PhD students' interests as a whole. I am also serving as an Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Mentor where I will personally mentor an undergraduate student through the process of academic research. I bring a wide range of experience within and outside of academia that can provide useful, yet critical, viewpoints for the committee. I have helped develop conduct related policies in the past through my work as a Regional Manager for a private sporting camp company. Thank you so much for the opportunity to apply, I look forward to hearing from you.

D. ***Zarei, Pedram (GRAD)***

With extensive student-level experience in leadership and administrative roles, I, as the nominee, think that I would be able to help the Council on Student Conduct Expectations and Accountability committee within the senate. A list of positions I have held during this past 2 years of my PhD studies is as follows:1. Society for Study of Reproduction (SSR) Trainee Affairs Committee (2026-2027)2. Society for Study of Reproduction (SSR) Public Affairs Committee (2026-2027)4. President of ANSC GSA at UIUC (Spring 26 – present)5. Vice President of ANSC GSA at UIUC (Spring and fall 2025)6. Grad representative for the ANSC DEI committee at UIUC (Fall 25 – present)7. Graduate College's Student Advisory Board, SAGE at UIUC (Students Advising on Graduate Education, 2025 – 2026 School Year)I would like to contribute more to my college, the senate and the university in an active way.

Elections and Credentials (EC)

◆ **Two faculty vacancies left unfilled during the spring 2026 election.**

Bylaws Part D.9:
Five faculty members.

	Last Name	First Name	College	Cmte Term	Title/Position	Unit/Major
Chair	Hutchens	Matthew	BUS	2027	Lecturer	Accountancy
Faculty	Mowry	Ruthann	LIBR	2027	Assistant Professor	University Library
	Richards	Kevin	AHS	2027	Associate Professor	Health & Kinesiology
	FACULTY VACANCY			*2028*		
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AP	Baires	Sarah	AP	2028	Associate Research Scientist	Illinois State Archaeology Survey
Students	Nagorsky	Rafi	ENGR	2027	Undergraduate Student	Civil Engineering
	Wu	Kevin	ENGR	2027	Undergraduate Student	Physics

EC FACULTY NOMINEES

No nominations received.

Military Education Council (MEC)

◆ **One faculty vacancy left unfilled during the spring 2026 election.**

Bylaws Part E.7:
Six civilian faculty members elected by the Senate.

	Last Name	First Name	College	Cmte Term	Title	Unit/Major
Chair	Brennan	James	LAS	2029	Associate professor	History
Faculty	Choquette	Kent	ENGR	2028	Professor	Electrical & Computer Engineering
	Godsell	David	BUS	2028	Associate Professor	Accountancy
	Gosavi	Manas	ENGR	2027	Adjunct Assistant Professor	Technology Entrepreneur Center
	Kemball	Athol	LAS	2027	Professor	Astronomy
	Wroblewski	Elle	ENGR	2027	Teaching Assistant Professor	Aerospace Engineering
	Wilson	*Roderick*	*LAS*	*2028*	*Associate Professor*	*History/East Asian Langauges and Cultures*
Students	Link	Blake	GRAD	2027	Graduate Student	Crop Sciences
	Riggins	Gavin	LAS	2027	Undergraduate Student	Appointed by the Armed Forces Council
	Touray	Abubakar	DES	2027	Undergraduate Student	Undeclared

MEC FACULTY NOMINEES

A. ***Wilson, Roderick (LAS)***

Roderick Wilson is an associate professor in the Departments of History and East Asian Languages and Cultures and has served as EALC's Faculty Senate representative since 2023. A U.S. Army veteran, he served as an infantryman (11B), completing two years of active duty and nearly six years in the National Guard. He paid for his undergraduate degree with the GI Bill, an experience that informs his commitment to students who serve. ROTC cadets and student veterans regularly enroll in his general education courses, such as East Asian Civilizations and Modern Japanese History, giving him firsthand insight into the perspectives these students bring to the classroom. A recipient of the History Department's Queen Award for Excellence in Teaching and former chair of the EALC Curriculum Committee, he hopes to draw on his military and academic experience to support the Council's work on behalf of these students.