

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

CC.22.04 Election of a University Senates Conference (USC) Member to Serve on the 2021-2022 Senate Executive Committee (SEC)

**BACKGROUND**

In accordance with Senate *Bylaws* Part D.1.c.1.i, Membership of the SEC includes 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.

**NOMINATIONS**

The Committee on Committees nominates the following USC members to serve a one-year term on the SEC ending 2022. Statements of interest and experience are included. Each senator may cast one vote.

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.

William Maher	LIBR
Helga Varden	LAS

All nominations submitted from the floor must include 1) Nominee's name, 2) Nominee's statement of willingness to serve, and 3) a 200 words or less statement of interest and experience. Nominees must be USC member at the time the term begins. Nominations from the floor can be presented solely in written form, in the same manner as the slate brought forward by SEC.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES  
Chaya Sandler, Chair  
Creem Ahmad  
Rummana Alam  
Laura Christianson  
John Dallesasse  
Abby Fogarty

Laura Garrett  
Jeffrey Eric Jenkins  
Sudarshana Rao  
Jenny Roether, *ex officio*

## **STATEMENTS OF INTEREST AND EXPERIENCE**

### **William Maher (LIBR)**

William Maher has been a Professor of Library Administration since 1977 and University Archivist since 1995. He is committed to shared governance as seen in over 20 years in the Senate, as recognized by the 2017 Campus Outstanding Faculty Leadership Award. Previously he has served on the Senate Executive Committee while chair of the University Statutes and Senate Procedures Committee from 2006 to 2017. He has served on Chancellor search committees in 2011 and 2016. He has represented the UIUC Senate on the University Senates Conference 2013-18 and 2020-23. Throughout this service, Maher has pursued an independent position, critically assessing all calls, whether to endorse administrators' initiatives or to critique administrative initiatives. As USC representative to the Senate Executive Committee, he will look at each issue that comes forward without partisanship or preconceptions. Beyond the University, he has held leadership positions in regional, national, and international professional organizations. His research specialization is in archival management and intellectual property, and he has served as an NGO head of delegation in Geneva at the World Intellectual Property Organization since 2011.

### **Helga Varden (LAS)**

Helga Varden is a Professor in Philosophy (Ph.D. University of Toronto, 2006) and in Women and Gender Studies. Though permanently at the UIUC since 2006, she has held visiting positions at the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, and the University of St. Andrews. In addition to her book—*Sex, Love, and Gender: A Kantian Theory* (OUP, 2020)—Varden has roughly 60 publications in the areas of legal-political philosophy and its history, feminist philosophy, and the philosophy of sex and love. Along with these research activities, Varden has held leadership positions in general philosophical associations, including the American Philosophical Association and the International Society for Law and Social Philosophy, as well as in more specialized ones, such as the North American Kant Society and the Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love. Varden is an executive officer on the Editorial Board of the *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*—a top-ranked philosophy journal. Varden has served on the University Senate Conference since Fall 2020 and she currently serves as its representative to the Senate Executive Committee (AY 2020-2021). In her research, teaching, and service, Varden is committed to fostering scholarly excellence as well as improving diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the academy.