

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

CC.23.11 Election of the 2022-2023 Presiding Officer of the Senate

**BACKGROUND**

The new position of the Presiding Officer of the Senate was approved by the Senate on April 25, 2022 through SP.21.11, Proposed Revisions to the *Constitution*, Article VI, Section 7 and the *Bylaws*, Parts A.1-9, B.1-5, and D.1.c.1 (Presiding Officer). The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois approved these changes to the *Constitution* effective July 21, 2022.

Eligibility criteria and duties of the Presiding Officer of the Senate are stated in Article VI, Section 7 of the Senate *Constitution*, and in Part A.1 and Part D.1.c.1.o of the Senate *Bylaws*. Nomination procedures for the Presiding Officer of the Senate are stated in Part A.6.d of the Senate *Bylaws*. A synopsis of the pertinent sections are as follows.

Article VI, Section 7 of the Senate *Constitution*:

The Presiding Officer of the Senate shall be a member of the Senate electorate, but not a current senator, and shall be elected as prescribed in the Senate *Bylaws*. The Presiding Officer of the Senate shall chair all Senate meetings. In the absence of the Presiding Officer of the Senate from the chair, the Presiding Officer's designee shall preside. The Presiding Officer's designee must meet the same eligibility criteria as the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer of the Senate may not make or second motions, participate in debate, or vote on any matter, except in the event of a tie. In this event, the Presiding Officer of the Senate may cast the deciding vote, even if the Presiding Officer of the Senate is not a voting member of the Senate.

Part A.1 of the Senate *Bylaws*:

The Presiding Officer of the Senate or the Presiding Officer's designee shall preside at Senate meetings.

Part D.1.c.1.o of the Senate *Bylaws*:

The Presiding Officer of the Senate shall serve as an *ex officio* member of the Senate Executive Committee and is expected to attend meetings of the Senate Executive Committee.

Part A.6.d of the Senate *Bylaws*:

Nominations for the Presiding Officer of the Senate shall be made by the incumbent Committee on Committees. Nominations may also be made by others and must be accompanied by consent to serve from the person nominated. The nominator shall provide a brief biographical sketch of each nominee.

## **NOMINATIONS**

The Senate Committee on Committees nominates the following members of the Senate electorates for a one-year term as the 2022-2023 Presiding Officer of the Senate. A brief biographical sketch is included for each nominee.

H. George Friedman, Jr.      Professor Emeritus (ENGR)

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## **STATEMENT OF INTEREST AND EXPERIENCE**

### **H. George Friedman, Jr. (Professor Emeritus, Computer Science, ENGR)**

George Friedman served several terms as a Senator prior to his retirement in January 1999. He served three years as chair of the Senate Council, now known as the Senate Executive Committee. He also served as a member of the University Senates Conference. Since retirement, he has remained active as a member of two Senate committees and as Senate Parliamentarian.

*Nominations from the floor must be accompanied by the nominee's signed statement of willingness to serve if elected. The statement shall be dated and include the name of the position to be filled. If present, the nominee's oral statement will suffice. All nominations must be in accordance with Senate governing documents.*