

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

CC.24.01 Election of the 2023-2024 Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Chair

BACKGROUND

The Senate Executive Committee Chair shall: 1) Establish and maintain liaison with the Chancellor, the Provost, relevant administrative offices, and, where appropriate, the President of the University and the Board of Trustees on matters of concern to the Senate; 2) Establish and maintain liaison with the Office of Public Affairs and, where appropriate, with the press and the public; 3) Establish and maintain relationships with the chair of each Senate committee, and regularly advise and support Senate committee chairs; 4) Initiate reviews of standing Senate committees on a five-year rotation; and 5) Perform other duties as the Senate or Senate Executive Committee shall specify. (*Bylaws* Part D.1.b)

The Senate Executive Committee Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected by and from the membership of the Senate, and who shall be the presiding officers of the Senate Executive Committee. The officers of the Senate Executive Committee shall be elected for terms of one year. The Chair shall be released from other academic duties for one-half time, with this appointment funded from campus resources. (*Bylaws* Part D.1.c)

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Executive Committee officers 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. Nominations must be received in the Senate Office prior to the date set by the Senate Executive Committee. The nominations will clearly distinguish between Chair and Vice-Chair. The nominator shall provide a brief biographical sketch of each nominee. (*Bylaws* Part A.6.d)

The Committee on Committees nominates the following senator for a one-year term as Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) ending in 2024. A statement of interest is included.

Jeffrey Eric Jenkins (Professor, FAA)

Christoph Aoun
Nicole Arnold
John Dallesasse
Virginia Dominguez
Shifra Ferziger
Joanne Kaczmarek
Prasanta Kalita
Hayden Noel
Jenny Roether, *ex officio*

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Jeffrey Eric Jenkins (Professor, FAA)

Jeffrey Eric Jenkins is Professor and Chair of Theatre Studies in the Department of Theatre where he also serves as Director of Graduate Studies. He serves as the current chair of the university's Senate Executive Committee. As a faculty senator, Dr. Jenkins has served on such committees as Elections and Credentials, the Committee on Committees, and the University Senates Conference. He also serves on the university's Faculty Advisory Committee. Dr. Jenkins is committed to the principles of shared governance and to growing diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the university and the system. If re-elected chair of the Senate Executive Committee, Dr. Jenkins is committed to continuing to ensure that all voices in the Senate, its various committees, and in our community at large are given ample opportunity to be heard. He pledges to continue working closely with the committee chairs, and the Offices of the Provost and the Chancellor to uphold the best practices of shared governance.