

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

CC.24.03 Election of the 2023-2024 Presiding Officer of the Senate

**BACKGROUND**

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. (Article VI, Section 7 of the Senate *Constitution*)

The Presiding Officer of the Senate or the Presiding Officer's designee shall preside at Senate meetings. (Part A.1 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 D.1.c.1.o of the Senate *Bylaws*)

**NOMINATIONS**

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. (Part A.6.d of the Senate *Bylaws*)

The Senate Committee on Committees nominates the following member of the Senate electorate for a one-year term as Presiding Officer of the Senate ending in 2024. A statement of interest is included.

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

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

### **STATEMENT OF INTEREST**

#### **H. George Friedman, Jr. (Professor Emeritus, 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. He has served as Presiding Officer of the Senate since election in October 2022.