

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

SC.24.02 Election of Student Senators to the 2023-2024 Committee on Committees

BACKGROUND

The Committee on Committees shall consist of three senators who are members of the student electorate, with no two from the same college, school, institute, or similar unit, and at least one of whom shall be an undergraduate and at least one of whom shall be a graduate or professional student.

Nominations for the Committee on Committees shall be made by the incumbent Senate Executive Committee. Nominations may also be made for student committee positions by student senators. Nominees must be student senators at the time the committee term begins.

NOMINATIONS

The Senate Executive Committee nominates the following student senators to serve a one-year term ending 2024.

Maya Crystal	LAS	Manny Stewart	LAS
Faraz Khan	LAS	Isaac Zipperstein	ACES
Matthew Kelley	FAA		

If no graduate or professional student senators are nominated, the two undergraduates with the highest number of votes will be elected with no two from the same college, school, institute, or similar unit. Each senator may vote for up to two undergraduate nominees. Statements of interest are included.

Nominations from the floor must be accompanied by the nominee's willingness to serve if elected and indicate the position to be filled, or the nominee's oral acceptance if present. Nominees must be senators at the time the term begins. A statement of interest limited to 150 words is also requested.

Jon Hale, Vice-Chair
James Brennan
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Chaya Sandler
Josh Small
Steve Witt
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Robert Jones, *ex officio*

STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

Maya Crystal, LAS

Maya Crystal is currently wrapping up her sophomore year. She is double majoring in Political Science and Gender and Women's Studies with a minor in Jewish Studies. She has served as a senator both in the UC Senate and Illinois Student Government for the past year and looks forward to continuing serving students in the UC Senate in the new term. She is passionate about representing students and ensuring student voices are heard.

Faraz Khan, LAS

Faraz Khan is a third-year undergrad majoring in political science and minoring in business and public relations on the pre-law track. He is a first gen student who worked his way into becoming one of the youngest people to have ever run for public office in Illinois history when he ran at the age of 18 in the Chicago Suburbs. He is a DEI Advisor for one of the most prominent newspapers in Illinois and a former White House Intern where he served the Vice President of the United States. On campus Faraz currently serves as the Chair of the student-body elected Student Org Resource Fee (SORF) Board, serves in leadership roles on many RSOs, and is a member of the Political Science Department Advisory Board. Faraz hopes to use his experience to represent the student body and ensure the Committee on Committees makes informed decisions.

Matthew Kelley, FAA

Matthew (Matt) Kelley is a second-year undergraduate studying Clarinet Performance in UIUC's School of Music in FAA with a minor in Pre-Law. He was recently elected to a student senator seat in the UC Senate and served on the Elections and Credentials Committee this past year. Matt is the president of the Nu Xi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi, Honorary Band Fraternity and serves his local chapter as well as the national organization in various roles. A member of the Illinois Wind Symphony and on the student staff of the Marching Illini, Matt is constantly involved with performances and rehearsals on campus.

Manny Stewart, LAS

Manny Stewart comes from a single-mother black household, with a middle-class income, in a very wealthy county in which they could barely afford to live. All his life his family had to struggle for the luxury of the American Dream, including the right to stay in a wealthy, predominately white area. Throughout his life, he has seen the comforts that wealth affords, especially the right to live freely and comfortably. He has also seen what poverty is capable of, in which individuals fail to receive the bare necessities for living. He ultimately wants to provide the freedom of a decent, comfortable life to the people of his community here in Champaign-Urbana. Freedom comes at a price and is often only affordable to those capable of paying for it. He believes that the University as an institution is obligated to make it affordable to all, regardless of their background.

Isaac Zipperstein, ACES

Isaac Zipperstein is a U-C and ISG student senator for the College of ACES. He is also pursuing a business minor, an informatics minor, and a Jewish studies minor and is on the boards of many campus organizations, including Illini Chabad, ISSI, and ΣAM. During his past year of serving on ISG, he wanted to further contribute to decision-making on campus to represent his college and peers. Therefore, he decided to join the U-C Senate, where many important decisions are made that impact our community. In ISG, he was a member of the Academic Affairs Committee at the beginning of his term and switched to the Public Relations Committee which he was more passionate about. His experience in these committees demonstrated the importance of passion among committee members. As a member of the Committee on Committees, he will work to ensure that passionate individuals staff committees.