

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

CC.25.01 Election of the 2024-2025 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-d)

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.7.d)

The Committee on Committees nominates the following senators for a one-year term as Chair of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) ending in 2025. Statements of interest are included.

Jon Hale (Associate Professor, EDUC)
Steven Seitz (Associate Professor, LAS)

Maya Crystal
John Dallesasse
Prasanta Kalita
Robin Kar
Hayden Noel
Carol Symes
Isaac Zipperstein
Jenny Roether, *ex officio*

STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

Jon Hale (Associate Professor, EDUC)

Dr. Jon Hale is an associate professor of education and educational history at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the Departments of Education Policy, Organization and Leadership and Curriculum and Instruction. Dr. Hale was elected to serve as the Vice-Chair of the SEC in 2022 and continues to serve in this role. He is also a member of the Athletic Board for the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics at UIUC and currently serves as a Vice President of the American Educational Research Association. Dr. Hale's research focuses on the history of student activism and the intersection of race and educational policy. He explores this in five authored and co-edited books, including his award-winning book, *The Freedom Schools: A History of Student Activists on the Frontlines of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement*. His research has also been featured in outlets including C-Span, *The Atlantic*, *The American Scholar*, *The New Yorker*, the *Chicago Tribune*, CNN, and *The Washington Post*. Dr. Hale's service to the wider community is connected broadly to historic civil rights education initiatives including the Children's Defense Fund Freedom School program.

Steven Seitz (Associate Professor, LAS)

I currently serve on the Gup committee and have served on that committee in the past. I also have served several terms as senator. I served a year as chair of the GUP committee and have some knowledge of SEC procedures.