

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**  
**2024-2025 ELECTIONS & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**APRIL 29, 2024**  
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**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The 2024-2025 Elections and Organizational meeting of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Senate was called to order at 3:16 pm by Professor Emeritus H. George Friedman, Jr. serving as the Presiding Officer of the Senate with Professor Emeritus William J. Maher serving as Parliamentarian.

**2. APPROVAL OF REMOTE PARTICIPATION**

Remote participation was approved by unanimous consent.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No requests received.

**4. REMARKS – 2023-2024 SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR**

2023-2024 Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Chair Jeffrey Eric Jenkins (FAA) welcomed new and continuing senators and shared the following remarks. Although imperfect, the ability to attend Senate meetings remotely continues to move conversations on shared governance in positive directions.

Jenkins urged all senators to serve on a Senate committee. Committee service is a wonderful way for senators to represent their constituents and enhance one's own professional development.

Jenkins has had the opportunity to work with other Senate leaders throughout the Big Ten Academic Alliance. There are peer institutions with a formal structure for mentoring senators who are willing to take on the leadership responsibilities of chair, vice-chair, and presiding officer. Jenkins suggested that due to the steep learning curve in Senate leadership positions, it might be helpful to fill these positions in such a way that the vice-chair would be viewed as a chair-elect of the SEC, and the presiding officer position would be held by the immediate past chair of the SEC. This structure would mean making a multi-year commitment but would afford a less challenging learning curve which could lead to greater efficiencies.

Jenkins continues to be an outspoken advocate of free expression. This past year has been difficult for many. The grief, loss, and international strife following the challenges of the pandemic is unsettling. Continue to take care of yourself and those around you during these challenging times. The University offers many resources to assist students, staff, and faculty that find themselves struggling. Jenkins concluded his remarks by asking for questions or comments.

Several faculty senators expressed concern for students' rights to free speech through protest, about the police presence at these protests, about misrepresentation of negotiations between protesters and administrators, for staff that are asked to intervene in situations they are not properly prepared for, for Jewish students that have been encouraged to avoid the protests, and for the general safety of students.

## 5. PROPOSALS

### a) **CC.25.01\* Election of the 2024-2025 Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Chair**

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees (CC), 2023-2024 Chair Sandler presented the nominees. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.

By i-clicker and Poll Everywhere, the following vote totals were reported.

- Hale 58
- Seitz 15
- Abstain 21

Jon Hale was declared elected as the 2024-2025 SEC Chair with a one-year term expiring in 2025.

### b) **CC.25.02\* Election of the 2024-2025 Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Vice-Chair**

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees (CC), 2023-2024 Chair Sandler presented the nominees. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.

By i-clicker and a show of hands, and Poll Everywhere, the following vote totals were reported.

- Feldman 6
- Holt 2
- Lyons 96
- Abstain 21

Angela Lyons was declared elected as the 2024-2025 SEC Vice-Chair with a one-year term expiring in 2025.

### c) **CC.25.03\* Election of the 2024-2025 Presiding Officer of the Senate**

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees (CC), 2023-2024 Chair Sandler presented the nominees. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.

By i-clicker and a show of hands, and Poll Everywhere, the following vote totals were reported.

- Friedman 97
- Abstain 15

H. George Friedman, Jr. was declared elected as the 2024-2025 Presiding Officer of the Senate with a one-year term expiring in 2025.

**d) CC.25.04\* Election of Faculty Senators to the 2024-2025 University Senates Conference (USC)**

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees (CC), 2023-2024 Chair Sandler presented the nominees. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.

By i-clicker and a show of hands, and Poll Everywhere, the slate of nominees was approved with 116 in favor, 2 opposed, and 5 abstentions.

Faculty senators Maher, Moorhouse, and Hale were declared elected to the 2024-2025 USC each with a three-year term expiring in 2027.

**e) CC.25.05\* Election of a University Senates Conference (USC) Member to Serve on the 2024-2025 Senate Executive Committee (SEC)**

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees (CC), 2023-2024 Chair Sandler presented the nominees. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.

By i-clicker and a show of hands, and Poll Everywhere, the following vote totals were reported.

- Jenkins 114
- Abstain 4

Faculty senator Jeffrey Eric Jenkins was declared elected as the USC representative to serve on the 2024-2025 SEC with a one-year term expiring in 2025.

**f) SC.25.01\* Election of Faculty Members to the 2024-2025 Committee on Committees**

On behalf of the SEC, 2023-2024 Chair Jenkins presented the nominees. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.

By i-clicker and Poll Everywhere, the following vote totals were reported.

- Choquette 62

- Clarke 48
- Herrera 68
- Hutchins 24

Faculty senators Choquette and Herrera were declared elected to the 2024-2025 Committee on Committees each with a two-year term expiring in 2026.

- g) SC.25.02\* Election of Student Members to the 2024-2025 Committee on Committees**  
 On behalf of the SEC, 2023-2024 Chair Jenkins presented the nominees. There were no floor nominations and nominations were declared closed.

By i-clicker and a show of hands, and Poll Everywhere, the slate of nominees was approved with 110 in favor, 2 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

Student senators Conlon, Mohamed, and Zipperstein were declared elected to the 2024-2025 Committee on Committees each with a one-year term expiring in 2025.

- h) CC.25.06\* Election of Members to the 2024-2025 Standing Committees of the Senate and Senate Representatives to Governance, Advisory, and Other Bodies**  
 On behalf of the Senate Committee on Committees (CC), 2023-2024 Chair Sandler presented the nominees. The following individuals were nominated from the floor to serve on the indicated committees.

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Kirk Barrow (LAS)
- Information Technology – Christopher Lueg (SIS)
- Research Policy – Marius Junge (LAS), Stephanie Fortado (LER), and Abigail Woolridge (ENGR)
- Student Discipline – Caitlin Clarke (AHS) and Kate Clancy (LAS)

Floor nominations were added to CC.25.06 to fill the remaining three vacancies on Research Policy (RP) and the two remaining vacancies on Student Discipline (SD). Open vacancies were not available on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (EQ) nor Information Technology (IT) and require run-off elections.

By i-clicker and a show of hands, and Poll Everywhere, the slate of nominees presented on CC.25.06, with the addition of the floor nominations for RP and SD, was approved with 111 in favor, 1 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

A run-off election was held for the three faculty seats on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, with the following vote totals reported.

- Blumthal 81
- Chiu 65

- Lueg 56
- Barrow 66

Faculty members Blumthal, Chiu, and Barrow were elected to fill the three faculty vacancies on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion each with a two-year term.

Before a run-off election could be held for the four faculty seats on Information Technology, a quorum of senators (100) was determined to no longer be physically present.

**The remaining five items, i) through m), will be considered at the reconvened Senate meeting on Monday, May 6, 2024.**

- i) CC.25.06\* Election of Members to the 2024-2025 Standing Committees of the Senate and Senate Representatives to Governance, Advisory, and Other Bodies**  
A run-off election for the four faculty vacancies on Information Technology.
- j) CC.25.07\* Election of Committee Chairs to the 2024-2025 Standing Committees of the Senate**
- k) CC.25.08\* Election of Committee Chairs to the 2024-2025 Senate Executive Committee (SEC)**
- l) CC.25.09\* Faculty Nominations to the 2024-2025 Joint Committee on Investment, Licensing, and Naming Rights**
- m) CC.25.10\* Student Nominations to the 2024-2025 Joint Committee on Investment, Licensing, and Naming Rights**

## **6. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

- a) Common Parliamentary Procedures for the Urbana-Champaign Senate**  
This document is available on the Senate website.
- b) An Unofficial Guide to Responsibilities of Being a Senator**  
This document is available on the Senate website.
- c) EC.25.01\* 2024-2025 Senate Electorate Composition and Apportionment Report**
- d) EC.25.02\* 2024-2025 Urbana-Champaign Senate Membership**
- e) 2024-2025 Senate and Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Meeting Schedule**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

With a loss of quorum, the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 pm, and will reconvene on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 3:10 pm in accordance with Senate *Standing Rule 1*.

Jenny Roether

Clerk of the Senate

\*Filed with the Senate Clerk and incorporated by reference in these minutes.

A video recording of these proceedings can be found at <https://go.illinois.edu/senate>.