

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

CC.26.05 Election of a University Senates Conference (USC) Member to Serve on the 2025-2026 Senate Executive Committee (SEC)

BACKGROUND

One member of the Committee on University Senates Conference shall be elected to the Senate Executive Committee, as prescribed in Part D.1.c of the *Bylaws* (*Bylaws* Part D.18).

The Senate Executive Committee shall consist of (i) one of the Senate's representatives to the University Senates Conference, elected by the Senate at its organizational meeting. Nominees shall be those members of the Committee on University Senates Conference who consent to serve if elected. [All continuing and newly elected USC members were invited to self-nominate. Only those listed in this proposal provided consent to serve if elected.]

A majority of votes shall be required to elect on the first ballot. If a majority vote is not reached on the first ballot, a runoff election shall be held between the two nominees who received the highest number of votes and including all of those tied with the highest or second highest number of votes. A plurality of the votes cast shall be required to elect on the second ballot. (*Bylaws* Part D.1.c.1.i)

NOMINATIONS

On behalf of the University Senates Conference members who consent to serve on the Senate Executive Committee if elected, the Committee on Committees presents the following nominees to serve a one-year term on the SEC ending 2026. Each senator may cast one vote.

Linda Herrera	EDUC
Charles Roseman	LAS

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. A statement of interest limited to 150 words is also requested.

Please note this ballot is subject to change and is contingent upon the outcome of prior elections.

Alex Belanger
Kent Choquette
Linda Herrera
Myles Johnson
Prasanta Kalita
Robin Kar
Lilah Leopold
Carol Symes
Jenny Roether, *ex officio*

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Linda Herrera (Professor, EDUC)

Higher education in the United States is at an inflection point. I am interested in serving in the University Senates Conference (USC) to support, lend guidance to, and work collectively with colleagues during this critical period. We need advocates to uphold principles of shared governance, academic freedom, and constitutional protections for all members of the university community. Being an international education scholar with over three decades of experience working in three continents with governments, civil society organizations, and multilateral organization on education policy, has served as valuable preparation for this position.

Charles Roseman (Associate Professor, Evolution, Ecology & Behavior – LAS)

Charles C Roseman is an Associate Professor of Evolution, Ecology, & Behavior. He studies the evolution of organismal form and issues involving race, politics, and genetics. His work has been published a diversity of journals, including PNAS, BioEssays, and Evolution. His public facing work on science may be found in Jacobin and Scientific American and was reported on in Le Monde and Science. Roseman has served on the Educational Policy Committee and was the Vice Chair of the Senate Executive Committee for a several months stint. He served as a member of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure for several years and as Chair for the 2024-2025 academic year. Roseman has demonstrated an ability to hold administrators accountable for their actions while maintaining a good working relationship with the administration. As a member of USC, Roseman would work to ensure that institutional decisions are made through meaningful shared governance.