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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

(Final; Action)

CC.26.12 Election of a **Faculty Chair** to the Ninth Senate Review Commission

BACKGROUND

According to Article VI, Section 10 of the Senate *Constitution*, at least once every seven years, the Senate shall provide for a comprehensive review of its size, organization, structure, and operation by a commission composed of members from each electorate, and the administration. Such commission shall report its findings and make recommendations to the Senate Executive Committee, as prescribed in the *Bylaws*. The report of the commission shall be made public and distributed as a report for information to the Senate.

NOMINATIONS

The Committee on Committees and the Senate Executive Committee present the following nominees to serve as **Faculty Chair** to the Ninth Senate Review Commission. Submitted interest statements from nominees are attached.

Joanne Kaczmarek	LIBR
Nolan Miller	BUS
Linda Moorhouse	FAA
Carol Symes	LAS

Nominees shall be elected in accordance with the approved election procedures in SC.26.03.

1. Each senator may cast up to one (1) vote.
2. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes is elected as chair.
3. The nominee receiving the second highest number of votes is elected as a member.

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STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

Joanne Kaczmarek (Associate Professor, LIBR)

Joanne Kaczmarek is an associate professor in the Library and currently holds the position of University Archivist and Head of Archival Programs. Joanne has degrees from this university's iSchool and from LAS. Prior to her current appointment, Joanne was the Archivist for Electronic Records where she had the opportunity to be involved in collaborations with the National Archives and Records Administration, the Library of Congress, the Illinois State Library, and the Illinois State Archives, all focusing on digital preservation and access. Until her current position, Joanne was also the Director of Records and Information Management Services, reporting through the University of Illinois System with a focus on ensuring compliance with state mandates associated with the State Records Act. Joanne's work in the Archives has taught her to appreciate the value of historical documentation and institutional accountability in support of shared governance. Having served the Senate as a member of the General University Policy Committee for several years, and currently as the chair of GUP, Joanne is interested in serving on the Ninth Senate Review Committee to help assess the Senate's structure and effectiveness as a central body playing a key role in shared governance for the University.

Nolan Miller (Professor, BUS)

Nolan H. Miller is the Daniel and Cynthia Mah Helle Professor of Finance at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where he also directs the Center for Business and Public Policy. A faculty member since 2009, he has served on the Senate and the Senate Budget Committee and has held multiple leadership roles in shared governance, including Chair of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy and member of the Senate Executive Committee. Beyond the Senate, he has contributed to campus-wide initiatives such as the Provost's Budget Advisory Task Force and the Boldly Illinois Curriculum Innovation Process Task Force, gaining broad experience with curricular policy, governance structure, and budgetary planning.

I seek to serve on the Ninth Senate Review Commission because I believe its work is vital to maintaining a Senate that is both representative and effective. A central challenge for faculty governance is balancing the faculty's strong role in shared decision-making with the University's need to remain nimble and innovative in the face of rapid changes in higher education. At the same time, the Senate must look out not only for the faculty, but also for the interests of our students and the people of Illinois. I hope to contribute to a thoughtful review that strengthens shared governance while supporting the University's public mission.

Linda Moorhouse (Professor, FAA)

Dr. Linda R. Moorhouse holds the Suzanne and William Allen Distinguished Professorship in Music at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She is a Fellow in the University of Illinois President's Executive Leadership Program and serves as a member of both the University Senates Conference and the System-wide Sexual Misconduct Prevention & Response Council. A former multi-year chair of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy, she brings broad experience in academic leadership and faculty governance. With more than fifteen years of service to the UIUC campus, she remains dedicated to strengthening the University Senate as an effective, representative, and responsive body within the university.

Carol Symes (Professor, LAS)

Carol Symes is a historian of medieval Europe and a leader in promoting global studies of the premodern world. She joined the faculty at Illinois in 2002 and is currently Director of the Program in Medieval Studies and a full professor of history with affiliations in the departments of Classics and Theatre. She is noted for her public-facing work as well as for her scholarly research: co-author of a bestselling college textbook (W.W. Norton's Western Civilizations), she has also created and presented a 36-lecture series on The Medieval Legacy for The Great Courses/Wondrium. In 2012, she founded *The Medieval Globe*, the first academic journal of its kind. She has served on the Senate, the Committee on Committees, and is a member of the University Senates Conference. She agreed to stand for the Ninth Senate Review Commission because it is important to understand, and periodically review and revise, the procedures that govern and shape any institution— in order to ensure that institutions function efficiently, responsibly, and transparently.