

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

(Final; Action)

CC.26.18 Election of a **Student Member** to the Ad Hoc Committee on the Honorary Degree Awards Process

**BACKGROUND**

The Ad Hoc Committee on the Honorary Degree Awards Process will examine the current honorary degree awards process and determine if the process is efficient, effective, and appropriately balances faculty engagement with the University's need. The Committee will also ensure the process for granting honorary degree awards reflects best practices and maintains consistency with the University's mission and values.

Excerpt from the *Statutes*, Article II, Section 1.

d. Each senate shall recommend candidates for honorary degrees...

The Committee will advise the Senate on the process of discharging this obligation and will make recommendations to the Senate through the Senate Executive Committee to strengthen the process for the future, ensuring it continues to reflect academic excellence and the University's highest standards.

**NOMINATIONS**

The Committee on Committees present the following nominees to serve as a **student member** to the Ad Hoc Committee on the Honorary Degree Awards Process. Submitted interest statements from nominees are attached.

Patrick Herr LAS

Nominees shall be elected in accordance with the approved election procedures in SC.26.04.

1. Each senator may cast up to one (1) vote.
2. The nominee receiving the highest number of votes is elected.

Additional nominations by student senators of the Senate may be made from the floor and must be accompanied by the nominee's willingness to serve if elected. Each nominee must be a member of the student electorate as defined by [Article IV of the Senate Constitution](#). A statement of interest limited to 200 words is also requested.

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### **STATEMENTS OF INTEREST**

#### **Patrick Herr (Undergraduate Student, LAS)**

Patrick is a senior studying history. He is deeply involved on campus and last year was elected to the senate. He did not apply to fill committee vacancies in time last year and sees serving on this ad hoc committee as a way to get more involved in the shared governance process.