

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

SC.26.17 Determine the Procedures and Timeline for Soliciting Faculty Nominations for Service on the 2026 Search Committee to Assist in the Selection of a President

BACKGROUND

The following excerpts from the University *Statutes* and Senate *Constitution* provide guidance on determining the procedures for selecting members of the search committee to assist in the selection of a president.

University Statutes, Article I, Section 2:

...The president shall be elected by the Board of Trustees, after consultation with a committee appointed for the purpose of recommending appropriate candidates...

Senate Constitution, Article VI, Section 12:

When the Senate selects members of a search committee, faculty senators shall nominate and elect faculty members of the committee, academic professional senators shall nominate and elect academic professional members of the committee, and student senators shall nominate and elect student members of the committee in separate votes.

In a letter dated February 27, 2026, Jeffrey A. Stein, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, requested the University Senates Conference (USC) coordinate the efforts of the three university senates to provide faculty nominations for the search committee to advise on the selection of a president.

Three seats on the search committee are reserved for faculty from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. The Urbana-Champaign Senate has been asked to provide **at least eight, but no more than ten nominees** for consideration by the Board of Trustees. Multiple nominations from each constituency will support the Board's efforts to populate a search committee that is inclusive and representative of the diverse perspectives of the University of Illinois community.

For each nominee the following are requested:

- Brief biographical statement listing the individual's full title or titles.
- Name of the unit in which the individual is employed at the University.
- Any information available about the individual's record of service to the University.
- Details on service to any previous search committees.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Executive Committee recommends approval of the following procedures and timeline for selecting faculty members of the 2026 Search Committee to Assist in the Selection of a President.

February 25 – March 4

- **Open** campuswide online nomination form and send campuswide **MASSMAIL** to faculty soliciting faculty nominations on **February 25**.
- **Close** campuswide online nomination form on **March 4 at 3 pm**.

March 5

- Committee on Committees convenes.
 - Review all faculty candidate submissions and work to ensure nominees are inclusive and representative of the diverse perspectives of the University of Illinois community.
 - Finalize a slate of **16 to 18 faculty nominees**.

March 9-13

- **Open** virtual floor nomination form (faculty senators only) and send the slate of faculty nominees from CC to faculty senators on **March 9**.
- Remind senators at the **March 9** Senate meeting that faculty senators may submit virtual floor nominations with the form closing on **March 13 at 3 pm**.

March 23-27

- Faculty senators elect **9 faculty members** with no more than 2 from the same college or similar division.

March 30-31

- Conduct an online run-off election, if needed.

April 1

- Notify nominees of the election results.
- Send a campuswide **MASSMAIL** announcing the **final slate of 9 faculty nominees** that will be forwarded to the University Senates Conference (USC) no later than **April 6, 2026** for submission to the Board of Trustees by April 8, 2026.

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February 25 – March 4

- Campuswide online nominations.

March 5

- CC reviews faculty candidates and finalizes the slate of faculty nominees.

March 9-13

- Virtual floor nominations by faculty senators.

March 23-27

- Online voting by faculty senators.

March 30-31

- Online run-off election, if needed.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
February	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
March	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
March	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Spring Break	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
March	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
March	29	30	31				