

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

CC.26.32 Election of the 2025-2026 Presiding Officer of the Senate

BACKGROUND

The Presiding Officer of the Senate shall be a member of the Senate electorate, but not a current senator, and shall be elected as prescribed in the Senate *Bylaws*. The Presiding Officer of the Senate shall chair all Senate meetings. In the absence of the Presiding Officer of the Senate from the chair, the Presiding Officer's designee shall preside. The Presiding Officer's designee must meet the same eligibility criteria as the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer of the Senate may not make or second motions, participate in debate, or vote on any matter, except in the event of a tie. In this event, the Presiding Officer of the Senate may cast the deciding vote, even if the Presiding Officer of the Senate is not a voting member of the Senate. (Article VI, Section 7 of the Senate *Constitution*)

The Presiding Officer of the Senate or the Presiding Officer's designee shall preside at Senate meetings. (Part A.1 of the Senate *Bylaws*)

The Presiding Officer of the Senate shall serve as an *ex officio* member of the Senate Executive Committee and is expected to attend meetings of the Senate Executive Committee. (Part D.1.c.1.o of the Senate *Bylaws*)

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the Presiding Officer of the Senate shall be made by the incumbent Committee on Committees. Nominations may also be made by others and must be accompanied by consent to serve from the person nominated. The nominator shall provide a brief biographical sketch of each nominee. (Part A.7.d of the Senate *Bylaws*)

The Senate Committee on Committees nominates the following members of the Senate electorate to serve as Presiding Officer of the Senate for the remainder of the 2025-2026 academic year which includes the April 27, 2026 Senate Meeting and the May 4, 2026 Senate Organizational & Elections Meeting. A statement of interest is included.

- A. H. George Friedman Emeritus Professor of Computer Science (ENGR)

2025-2026 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
Chaya Sandler, Chair
Kent Choquette
Linda Herrera

Gal Hochman
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Tania Ionin
Bernhard Scully
Sahil Jain, *ex officio*
Jenny Roether, *ex officio*

STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

A. **H. George Friedman** (Emeritus Professor of Computer Science, ENGR)

I have served on several senate committees from time to time, most recently on SP and EC. Some years ago, I chaired the SP committee. I have served on USC. I have served as senate parliamentarian. I have been Presiding Officer of the senate for three years.