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

CC.27.09 Faculty Nominations to the 2026-2027 Joint Advisory Committee on Investment, Licensing, and Naming Rights

BACKGROUND

The Joint Advisory Committee on Investment, Licensing, and Naming Rights (1) Provides advice, consistent with the values of the University, to the Office of the Chancellor on issues of social responsibility related to campus investment, licensing, and naming rights. Such issues may include licensing the University's names, symbols, and insignia; supporting workers' rights and fair labor practices; sponsoring products; and advancing corporate social responsibility. (2) Reviews proposals to name campus buildings, classrooms, or other physical facilities for donors or other honorees. (3) Fulfills the Senate's requirement to provide advice regarding eponymic renaming of academic units (*Statutes*, Article VIII, Section 4). And (4) Reports promptly to the Senate outcomes of its votes on eponymic renaming of academic units, anonymized as appropriate.

Three faculty members shall be appointed by the Chancellor, in consultation with the Chair of the Senate Executive Committee, from nominations of at least two individuals for each vacancy made by the Committee on Committees and approved by the Senate. Two additional faculty members shall be selected and appointed by the Chancellor, in consultation with the Chair of the Senate Executive Committee. The five faculty members shall serve staggered, renewable terms of three years.

Faculty members of the Committee and the expiration of their terms are listed below. Members in *italics* have terms expiring.

Lesley Wexler	LAW	2028	Senate nominee appointed by Chancellor
Pia Hunter	LAW	2027	Chancellor's appointment
Shawn Gilmore	LAS	2027	Senate nominee appointed by Chancellor
<i>John Caughlin</i>	<i>LAS</i>	<i>2026</i>	<i>Senate nominee appointed by Chancellor</i>

NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Committees recommends approval of the following nominees to fill faculty vacancies for three-year terms expiring in 2029.

John Caughlin	LAS
Mahruq Khan	LAS

If no additional nominations are made, the nominees below will be forwarded to the Chancellor and the Chair of the Senate Executive Committee for selection of one faculty member to serve. Statements of interest are included.

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.

2025-2026 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

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STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

John Caughlin (Professor, LAS)

John Caughlin has served as chair of the JACILNR for the past 4 years, and would like to serve another term as a regular member (that is, not as chair) to help provide continuity with this important work. He is currently Professor and Head in the Department of Communication and chair of the PIPL Research Oversight Committee for the OVCRI. Previous campus service roles include serving as Chair of the Social and Behavioral IRB, serving as Interim director of the IRB office, and serving as Director of the Campus Research Board.

Mahruq Khan (Teaching Associate Professor, LAS)

Mahruq Khan is Teaching Associate Professor in Gender and Women's Studies. Among other things, she teaches on gender and racial equity in workplaces and is an advocate for (immigrant) workers rights. She is conscious of the implications of campus investments, symbols and naming practices on the most vulnerable campus constituencies as well for global communities.