

SC.27.07
September 28, 2026

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

SC.27.07 Resolution in Honor of Professor Prasanta K. Kalita

WHEREAS Prasanta K. Kalita, Professor of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, was a longstanding member of the Senate of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; and

WHEREAS Professor Kalita served with distinction as member and chair of the Senate Committee on Committees (2011-2016, 2022-2025); and

WHEREAS Professor Kalita served with distinction as member of the Senate Committee on University Student Life (2019-2021); and

WHEREAS Professor Kalita served with distinction as member and chair of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees (2019-2026); and

WHEREAS Professor Kalita served with distinction as member of the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure (2024-2026); and

WHEREAS Professor Kalita served with distinction as member of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy; and

WHEREAS Professor Kalita served with distinction as member of both the Senate Executive Committee and University Senates Conference periodically since 2013; and

WHEREAS Professor Kalita's contributions to the Senate and its bodies were characterized by dedication and a desire to find solutions together through shared governance; and

WHEREAS Professor Kalita engaged with university governance at all levels, doing so with warmth and optimism, as well as a commitment to leaving the world a little better than he found it; and

WHEREAS Professor Kalita's service to the University, his profession, and his students left deep and lasting effects on all involved; and

WHEREAS Professor Kalita continued his passionate service until the end of his life; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate expresses its gratitude for the many contributions of Professor Prasanta K. Kalita to the shared governance mission of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

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