

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE**

Committee on Committees  
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CC.12.08 Nominations for Student Membership on the Search Committee for a Provost and Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**Background**

Chancellor Phyllis Wise has asked the Senate to develop a slate of nominees for the search committee for the selection of a new Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. According to previous procedures approved by the Senate, a Provost Search Committee will consist of 11 members: 8 faculty (5 elected by the Senate, 3 appointed by the Chancellor), 2 students (1 elected by the Senate, 1 appointed by the Chancellor), and 1 academic professional appointed by the Chancellor. One or more of the faculty appointees may have administrative appointments. The Chancellor will appoint a chair from among the 8 faculty members. This composition of the Search Committee is identical to recent provost searches.

Committee on Committees sent a massmail email to faculty, undergraduate students, and graduate students to solicit nominations. Numerous faculty and student nominations were received and evaluated.

**Nominations**

The following student members are nominated to fill 1 student position. A bio-sketch of each nominee is included below. The 1 student nominee receiving the highest numbers of votes shall be elected.

Miheer Munjal	ENGR
Franklyn Rocha Cabrero	GRAD
Megan Schaffer	LAS

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Nominations from the floor must be accompanied by the nominee's signed statement of willingness to serve if elected. The statement shall be dated and include the name of the position to be filled. If present, the nominee's oral statement will suffice.

**MIHEER MUNJAL (ENGR)**

Miheer Munjal is a junior in Materials Science and Engineering, graduating in spring 2013. He is interested in the Provost search committee as a culmination and application of his involvement on campus to date, and a way for him to express his opinions towards an important position on campus. He currently serves on 4 campus boards, and is an active leader in 4 RSOs; Student Alumni Ambassadors, Illinois Business Consulting, Materials Advantage, and Keramos. Miheer has vast experience with campus administration through his roles in SAA with the Illini Comeback program, and has shown success in coordinating large programs with high-level school officials. He wishes for the opportunity to tie together his wide-range of passions (engineering to political science) with his school experience, and his technical prowess. Miheer has the track record, the willpower to exceed the goals of the position, and the desire to make a lasting difference.

**FRANKLYN ROCHA CABRERO (GRAD)**

Born and raised in Mayaguez –a college town located in the western area of Puerto Rico– I am a first generation student from a disadvantaged background who fought his way to gain a higher education; values such as perseverance, dedication, and integrity have aided towards my goals. Science outreach, mentoring, and graduate school recruitment are some of many passions I pursue as part of my career; they are personally fulfilling in the midst of the academic rigors in my program.

I currently serve in committees/organizations that seek to diversify and retain students in UIUC, especially in STEM fields. I am independent and a team player, reliable, passionate, well known in my department, a critical thinker and open-minded. I am a fast learner, and with my background and experiences, I am certain I can contribute in to the Illinois student community and senate in the selection of a new Provost.

**MEGHAN SCHAFFER (LAS)**

Meghan Schaffer is a senior majoring in political science and communication with a minor in business. Currently serving as a Graf Intern for the Illinois Leadership Center, she is a member of the Student Alumni Ambassadors, and of Illinois Connection, an Alumni Association advocacy group striving to obtain support for higher education. These experiences have allowed her extensive professional development experience. A former resident adviser to the Garner LEADS Living Learning Community, she continues to participate in activities hosted by University Housing. Schaffer enjoys engaging with students, alumni and the campus community and is considering continuing these passions by attending graduate school for a master's degree in student affairs. Meghan is interested in serving on the Provost selection committee because she places great importance on serving her University, and as a graduating senior she feels as though it would be a great capstone experience to her time as a student.