

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
Committee on Committees
(Final; Action)

CC.17.14 Nominations for Membership on the Search Committee to Advise the Chancellor on the Selection of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost

BACKGROUND

Chancellor Robert Jones has asked the Senate to develop a slate of nominees for the search committee for the selection of a new Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost. According to the procedures approved by the Senate on February 6, 2017 ([SC.17.10](#), *Procedures for Selecting a Search Committee to Advise the Chancellor on the Selection of a Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs*) the Provost Search Committee will consist of the following:

- seven or eight faculty members (five elected by the Senate; two or three appointed by the Chancellor)
- two students (one undergraduate, graduate, or professional student elected by the Senate; one appointed by the Chancellor)
- one or two academic professionals

One or more of the Chancellor's faculty appointees may have administrative appointments. The Chancellor will appoint a chair from among the faculty members of the committee.

Committee on Committees sent a massmail on February 7, 2017 to faculty, students, and academic professionals to solicit nominations. Numerous faculty, student, and academic professional nominations were received and evaluated by the Committee.

NOMINATIONS

The following faculty members are nominated to fill five faculty positions. A bio-sketch of each nominee is included below. The five faculty nominees receiving the highest numbers of votes shall be elected with no more than two from the same college, and in accordance with the diversity requirements of Sec. 4.1 of the University of Illinois Act (110 ILCS 305).

Clare Crowston	LAS
Margareth Etienne	LAW
David Forsyth	ENGR
Steven Moose	ACES
Helen Neville	EDUC
Kelly Ritter	LAS
Gene Robinson	LAS
Daniel Rock	VMED
Jan Slater	MDA
Billie Theide	FAA

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

Kyle Copeland	LAS
Maryam Khademian	GRAD
Lisa Ortiz	GRAD
Rahul Raju	ENGR

The following academic professionals are nominated to fill one academic professional position. The academic professional nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.

Mauro Sardela	ENGR
Gayle Spencer	Student Affairs

In accordance with SC.17.10, all nominations submitted from the Senate floor must include 1.) Nominee's name, 2.) Nominee's statement of willingness to serve, and 3.) A brief biographical sketch of the nominee (150 words or less). Nominations from the floor can be presented solely in printed form, in the same manner as the slate brought forward by Committee on Committees.

Once the nominations are closed, nominees will be presented electronically to the respective voters, and the final election will be held online. The election shall be held on three work days, March 7-9, 2017. Ties shall be resolved by a run-off election on the following two work days.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Lisa Monda-Amaya, Chair
Amy Ando
Larry DeBrock
Tim Flanagan
George Gross
David Hanley
Tommy Justison
Nancy O'Brien
Annalisa Roncone
Jenny Roether, *ex officio*

FACULTY NOMINEES

Clare Crowston (LAS, History)

Clare Haru Crowston (Ph.D. Cornell 1996) has been at UIUC since 1996. She is the author of *Credit, Fashion, Sex: Economies of Regard in Old Regime France* (Duke, 2013) and *Fabricating Women: The Seamstresses of Old Regime France, 1675-1791* (Duke, 2001) as well as a co-author of popular textbooks. She is the author of numerous book chapters and articles. Along with a co-author she received an ACLS Collaborative Research Fellowship (2012-2014) for her next project, "Learning How: Apprenticeship in France, 1670-1830". She has been chair of the History department since fall 2015 and was named University Scholar in 2015. She has also served on the LAS General Education Committee, the Provost's Executive Officer Council, the Campus Budget Advisory Task Force, and several terms on the Faculty Senate. She is currently a member of the Campus Budgeting Reform Steering Committee and its Budget Model Components Working Group.

Margareth Etienne (LAW, Law)

Margareth Etienne is a Professor of Law and Nancy Snowden Research Scholar at the College of Law, where she has been teaching since 2001. Recently named the inaugural Associate Dean for Graduate and International Programs, she oversees the College's LLM, JSD and MSL programs. She has served in various administrative roles including Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the law school, Interim Head of the Department of African American Studies in LAS, Provost Fellow in the Office of the Provost. She has served on one prior provost search committee and two dean search committees. She received her JD and her undergraduate degree from Yale. Her research is in the area of Criminal Law and Sentencing.

David Forsyth (ENGR, Computer Science)

Forsyth spent 10 years at UC Berkeley, and left as a full professor to move to UIUC. He is currently Fulton-Watson-Copp Chair in Computer Science. He has served as program co-chair for IEEE Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition in 2000, 2011 and 2018, general co-chair for CVPR 2006, CVPR 2015 and CVPR 2018, program co-chair for the European Conference on Computer Vision 2008. He has served five years on the SIGGRAPH program committee. He has received four best paper awards. He holds an IEEE technical achievement award for 2005, became an IEEE Fellow in 2009, and became an ACM Fellow in 2014. His recent textbook, "Computer Vision: A Modern Approach" is now widely adopted as a course text and is available in four languages. A second edition appeared recently. He served four years as editor in chief for IEEE TPAMI and four years as associate chair of the CS Department.

Steven Moose (ACES, Crop Sciences)

Steve is a functional geneticist who runs world class research and teaching programs. He is one of the most high profile faculty member in the college. He is highly active on university and college level committees, and is influential with faculty and administrators across campus. He understands the depth and breadth of the land grant mission, and has interdisciplinary reach across campus. He is highly visible both nationally and internationally. He will carefully assess candidate attributes while convincing them that this is the ideal position for them. He is among the most well respected scientists in the college.

Helen Neville (EDUC, Educational Psychology)

Helen A. Neville is professor of Educational Psychology and African American Studies. Before Illinois, she was a professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia where she co-founded/co-directed the Center for Multicultural Research, Training, and Consultation. Dr. Neville was an Illinois Provost Fellow and participated in the CIC/Big 10 Academic Leadership Academy. Currently she is the president-elect of the Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity, and Race, in the American Psychological Association (APA). She has co-edited 5 books and (co)-authored nearly 90 journal articles and book chapters in the areas of race, racism, and racial identity. Dr. Neville's research and mentoring is well recognized via multiple awards, including the Association of Black Psychologists' Distinguished Psychologist of the Year award, Dalmas Taylor Award for Outstanding Research Contribution, the APA Division 45 Charles and Shirley Thomas Award for mentoring/contributions to African American students/community, and the Winter Roundtable Janet E. Helms Mentoring Award.

Kelly Ritter (LAS, English)

Kelly Ritter is Professor of English, Director of Undergraduate Rhetoric, and Provost Fellow for Undergraduate Education, which includes coordination of Grand Challenge Learning, an interdisciplinary curricular initiative in general education. Her research examines how histories and theories of writing instruction and literacy practices offer insight into social stratification in higher education. In addition to serving as Interim Director of the Center for Writing Studies in 2014-2015, her campus record includes the LAS Executive Committee, LAS Associate Deans Search Committee, Academic Senate, Senate Committee on Student Discipline, Provost Committee for Student Learning Outcomes, Campus Research Board, and RISE (Readying Illinois Students for Excellence) Advisory Board. Her national service includes appointment as an HLC peer reviewer, the Executive and Nominating Committees of the Conference on College Composition and Communication, the MLA Delegate Assembly, and the Executive Board of the Council of Writing Program Administrators. She is editor of the journal *College English*.

Gene Robinson (LAS, Entomology)

Robinson (Ph.D. Cornell University, 1986) joined the UIUC Department of Entomology in 1989. He holds a University Swanlund Chair and Center for Advanced Study Professorship, is director (since 2011) of the Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology (IGB), director (since 1990) of the Bee Research Facility, and formerly director of our Neuroscience Program (2001-2011). Robinson pioneered the application of social behavioral genomics, has over 300 publications, and has trained 29 postdoctoral associates and 23 doctoral students, most with faculty positions in academia. He serves on the National Institute of Mental Health Advisory Council and has appointments on scientific advisory boards for companies with interests in genomics. Robinson's honors: Fellow and Founders Memorial Award, Entomological Society of America; Fellow and Distinguished Behaviorist, Animal Behavior Society; Guggenheim Fellowship; Fulbright Fellowship; NIH Pioneer Award; Honorary Doctorate, Hebrew University; Fellow, American Academy of Arts & Sciences; and member, US National Academy of Sciences.

Daniel Rock (VMED, Pathobiology)

Dr. Rock was the Director of Plum Island Animal Disease for more than 20 years before joining the Department of Pathobiology in 2005. He served as chair of the Department of Pathobiology until 2014. Apart from being an outstanding and visionary administrator, he is a leading virologist studying infection of food animals by viruses. He is a recognized international leader in viral-mediated animal diseases.

Jan Slater (MDA, Advertising)

Dr. Jan Slater has been at Illinois since 2007. As department head, her work in restoring the advertising department to its first-in-class status is well-known across campus, peers and the industry. In 2010, she became interim dean of the College of Media and then took the job permanently in 2013. Once again - her leadership was required to turn around a deficit-ridden unit. When she stepped aside in June 2016, the College of Media was deficit free, reduced dependence on GRF due to new revenue streams, and recorded over 400% growth in fundraising dollars. She is a leader in her discipline, having served as president of the Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, and president-elect of the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication. Dr. Slater currently splits her appointment between media and the College of Business, where she serves as Chief Marketing Officer.

Billie Theide (FAA, Art and Design)

Professor Theide joined the faculty in 1985; she was named the James Avery Endowed Chair in the College of FAA in 2010. She has served on the College's Executive Committee, the Faculty Senate, Academic Freedom and Tenure, Committee on Committees, Student Discipline, Faculty Advisory Committee, and Elections and Credentials. In 2011, she served on the search committee to identify a new Dean of the College of FAA. The committee worked with the search firm of Isaacson, Miller; the search resulted in the hire of Ed Feser. Her knowledge of Provost's Communications is broad. She advocates for clear promotion and tenure guidelines, faculty adopted bylaws, comprehensive grievance procedures, mentoring strategies, and succinct procedures for faculty engaged in interdisciplinary research. She delivered the keynote at the 2013 New Student Convocation. Professor Theide is a member of the Campus Honors Program faculty. In 2010, she received the award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

STUDENT NOMINEES

Kyle Copeland (LAS, Political Science)

Currently, I am a junior studying Political Science with a focus on Community Health. I hope to be pursuing a career in Public Interest Law with a focus on access and improvement of health care. This past summer I interned at a mental health law firm in Chicago and in the coming summer I will be working for Carle's Consulting department, both in an effort to achieve my future goals. Further, I have been involved all across campus including sitting on multiple Illinois Student Government committees (Financial Affairs, Mental Health, and Internal Affairs), serving as Treasurer of a 100+ member RSO, and coordinating blood drives for the Red Cross. In addition, I currently work for the University's Campus Recreation as a Customer Service Assistant.

Maryam Khademian (GRAD, Microbiology)

I am currently a 5th year graduate student in Dep. of Microbiology. During these years I have been a member of the Iranian Cultural Association and helped organizing different events. I am also the founder and ex-president of MCB Graduate Student Association, where we planned different academic, social and outreach events for our students and our community. I also serve on the Illinois International Advisory Committee and we are currently in process of preparing a new globalization program for our campus. As a member of UIUC for almost 5 years and due to my experience with campus-wide decision making, I believe I can be a helpful member on the Search Committee for the provost.

Lisa Ortiz (GRAD, Educational Policy, Organization and Leadership)

Lisa Ortiz is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Education Policy, Organization & Leadership with minors in Latina/o Studies and Gender & Women's Studies. Prior to joining campus, she served as an Administrative Assistant at the University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez, campus where she obtained a Bachelors in Business Administration and a Master's degree in English Education. Currently, she serves as a Teaching Assistant at the Department of Latina/o Studies. Her previous contributions on campus range from working within several units such as the Graduate College, Counseling Center, La Casa Cultural Latina, Writers Workshop while also teaching for her home department and the ESL Writing Program. Lisa has volunteered for several units including Educational Equity Programs and The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Lisa has served on numerous campus committees, including search committees for Assistant Director of the LGBT Resource Center and La Casa Cultural Latina.

Rahul Raju (ENGR, Computer Engineering)

Rahul Raju is a junior in Computer Engineering. He currently serves as a Student Senator, and on the Ad-Hoc Committee for a University Mascot. He has extensive experience with the shared governance process, and serves as a student representative on the Senate Executive Committee. He is also Student Vice-Chair of the Committee on University Student Life, and a member of the Committee on Educational Policy. He is involved in many campus RSOs, including as President of Illinois Model United Nations. If elected, Rahul will present student concerns, including enrollment management, the campus budget, academic programs, student activities and faculty retention.

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL NOMINEES

Mauro Sardela (ENGR, Materials Research Laboratory)

Dr. Sardela is the Director of Central Research Facilities at the Frederick Seitz Materials Research Laboratory (FS-MRL) at the UIUC overseeing a ~ 30,000 sq. ft. research facility including ~ 150 instrumentation for microstructural, optical, electrical and chemical characterization and nano/microfabrication of materials, operated by ~ 20 scientific staff. He was born in Brazil, where he has BS and M.Sc. degrees in Physics. He received his Ph.D. degree in materials science from Linkoping University, Sweden (1994). Mauro was also principal analyst at Evans Analytical Laboratories, California working with surface analytical techniques. Since 1998 Mauro has been senior research scientist at the FS-MRL; he became the director of FS-MRL central research facilities in 2015. He has authored several publications and books in the field. He has also been actively involved in several committees of the National Academy of Sciences studying aspects of ionizing and non-ionizing radiation safety to the general public.

Gayle Spencer (Student Affairs, Illinois Leadership Center)

Gayle Spencer is currently the Director of the Illinois Leadership Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Additionally, Gayle is an adjunct faculty member in the College of Engineering. Previously, she served as an Associate Dean of Student Life and adjunct faculty member for the Staley School of Leadership Studies at Kansas State University. Spencer has also worked at the University of Notre Dame (IN), and the University of Houston (TX). Spencer received a Ph.D. in Student Counseling and Personnel Services from Kansas State University, a M.S. in College Student Personnel from Western Illinois University, and a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Spencer served as the Chair of the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) Board of Directors from 2002-2003. Spencer is currently representing NACA on the Council for Advancement of Standards (CAS) for Higher Education National Board of Directors.