

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
Senate Executive Committee
(Final; Action)

SC.18.03 Election of a University Senates Conference (USC) Member to Serve on the Senate Executive Committee (SEC)

BACKGROUND

The University Senates Conference (USC) is a University-wide body established by the University *Statutes* and composed of a total of twenty representatives from the several campus senates. The number of representatives from each senate is specified in the *Statutes*. The representatives are elected by their respective senates for three-year terms beginning on the first day of the academic year following their election, and must be faculty members or members-elect of their senates at the time of their election. As close to one-third as possible of the representatives from each senate are elected each year. Representatives from the Urbana-Champaign Senate may serve no more than two full terms consecutively.

In accordance with *Bylaws* D.1.b.i, one of the Senate's representatives to the University Senates Conference (USC) shall be elected by the Senate to serve on the Executive Committee.

NOMINATIONS

The following faculty member is nominated to fill one faculty vacancy created by the resignation of Harley Johnson (ENGR) with a term ending 2018.

If there are no nominations from the floor, the following USC member will serve as the USC representative to the SEC. A biographical sketch is available on the following page.

William Maher LIBR

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Nominations from the floor must be from the current USC membership and must include the nominee's willingness to serve along with a short biographical sketch. If present, the nominee's oral statement will suffice.

FACULTY NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES**William Maher (LIBR)**

William Maher has been a Professor of Library Administration since 1977 and University Archivist since 1995. His deep commitment to shared governance is evidenced by over 18 years in the Senate, as recognized by the 2017 Campus Outstanding Faculty Leadership Award. He served as chair of the University Statutes and Senate Procedures Committee and as a member of the Senate Executive Committee from 2006 to 2017. He has served on Chancellor search committees in 2011 and 2016. He has represented the UIUC Senate on the University Senates Conference 2013-18. Throughout this service, Maher has pursued an independent position, critically assessing all calls, whether to endorse administrators' initiatives or to rebuke administrative initiatives. As USC representative to the Senate Executive Committee, he will look at each issue that comes forward without partisanship or preconceptions.

Beyond the University, he has held leadership positions in regional, national, and international professional organizations. His research specialization is in archival management and intellectual property, and he has served as an NGO head of delegation in Geneva at the World Intellectual Property Organization since 2011.