

COLLEGE OF MEDIA COMMITTEES Academic Year 2025-2026

Executive Committee

Patrick Vargas (ADV) 2025-2027
Kevin Wise (ADV) 2024-2026
Melita Garza (JOUR) 2025-2027
Brant Houston (JOUR) 2024-2026
CL Cole (MACS) 2025-2027
Julie Turnock (MACS) 2024-2026
Tracy Sulkin (Dean, ex officio)
Jason Chambers (Associate Dean, Access & Engagement, ex officio)
Stephanie Craft (Associate Dean, Academic & Faculty Affairs, ex officio)

Charge: The duties of the Executive Committee shall include those prescribed by the University Statutes (II.3.c; III.2.f) and the College of Media bylaws. The committee is charged with advising the Dean on the formulation and execution of college policies and functions as the College of Media Promotion & Tenure Committee and the Faculty Grievance Committee. The Executive Committee also makes a yearly recommendation to the Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on the reappointment of the Dean and serves as the core of the Dean Evaluation Committee charged with conducting the five-year evaluation of the Dean

Make-up and Term of Committee: The Executive Committee shall consist of the Dean of the College ex officio; and two members each from the Charles H. Sandage Department of Advertising, the Department of Journalism, and the Department of Media and Cinema Studies, elected by secret written or secure electronic ballot by and from each unit. Departments shall elect full professors, unless there are insufficient numbers of faculty of that rank. In that case, an associate professor may be elected but will not be eligible to participate when the Executive Committee, acting as the Promotion & Tenure Committee, considers cases regarding promotion to full professor. Unit heads are excluded from membership; associate deans with faculty appointments are nonvoting, ex officio members. Members are elected to two-year staggered terms. Each department will elect one member in even years and one member in odd years. The Executive Committee must meet at least twice per semester during the regular academic year.

Courses and Curricula Committee

Leona Yi-Fan Su (ADV) 2025-2027
Dionne Clifton (ADV) 2024-2026
Cassandra Troy (JOUR) 2025-2027
Alex Goncalves (JOUR) 2024-2026
Amanda Ciafone (MACS) 2025-2027
Jon Knipp (MACS) 2024-2026
Katie Clark (Associate Dean, Student Services, ex officio)
Derek Long (Director, Graduate Studies, ICR, ex officio)

Charge: The Courses and Curricula Committee reviews and advises on the curricula of the academic programs in the College, including serving as the second level review for curricula-related proposals from the academic departments; reporting to the faculty on university matters affecting curriculum and policy; and monitoring the curriculum as a whole.

Make-up and Term of Committee: The Committee shall consist of six members: Two faculty members each from the Charles H. Sandage Department of Advertising, the Department of Journalism, and the Department of Media and Cinema Studies, elected by secret written or secure electronic ballot by and from each unit; and two ex officio members, the Associate Dean of Student Services and the Director of Graduate Studies of the Institute of Communications Research. Unit heads and associate deans with faculty appointments are excluded from membership. Members are elected to two-year staggered terms. Each department will elect one member in even years and one member in odd years.

Diversity Committee

Harsh Taneja (ADV) 2024-2026
Melita Garza (JOUR) 2024-2026
Carrie Wilson (MACS) 2024-2026
Daniel Almanza (SSC) 2024-2026
Dinah Stillwell (Assistant Dean for Administration), 2024-2026
Nicky Bennett (IPM), 2024-2026
Kendall Clayton (ADV Undergraduate Student) 2025-2026
Claire McDaniel (JOUR Graduate Student) 2025-2026
Jason Chambers (Associate Dean for Access & Engagement, ex officio)

Charge: The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee advises the Dean regarding diversity and anti-discrimination initiatives and how they may be applied or adapted in the College, coordinates workshops and training programs, and promotes faculty and student activity that foregrounds diversity in all its forms.

Make-up and Term of Committee: The Committee shall consist of eight members: One faculty member each from the Charles H. Sandage Department of Advertising, the Department of Journalism, and the Department of Media and Cinema Studies, elected by secret written or secure electronic ballot by and from each unit; three staff members, one from Illinois Public Media and two from administrative units in the College of Media appointed by the Dean in consultation with the Associate Dean for DEI; one enrolled undergraduate student and one enrolled graduate student from the College appointed annually by the Dean in consultation with the Associate Dean for DEI and unit executive officers; and one ex officio member, the Associate Dean for DEI. Unit heads and the associate dean for Academic Affairs are excluded from membership. Departments will elect members to the Committee in even years.

Technology and Infrastructure Committee

Dionne Clifton (ADV) 2025-2027
Stretch Ledford (JOUR) 2025-2027
Victor Font (MACS) 2025-2027
Lillie Duncanson (IPM) 2025-2027
Sandra Voskoboynikova (ADV Graduate Student) 2025-2027
Hannah Gallivan (MACS Undergraduate Student) 2025-2027
Meghan Burnett (Director of IT & Operations, ex officio)

Charge: The Technology and Infrastructure Committee advises the Dean on policy recommendations regarding technology for instruction, research, and creative endeavor in the College.

Term and Make-up of Committee: The Committee shall consist of eight members: One faculty member each from the Charles H. Sandage Department of Advertising, the Department of Journalism, the Department of Media and Cinema Studies, elected by secret written or secure electronic ballot by and from each unit; two staff members, one from Illinois Public Media and one from administrative units in the College of Media appointed by the Dean in consultation with the Director of IT and Operations; one enrolled undergraduate student and one enrolled graduate student from the College appointed annually by the Dean in consultation with the Director of IT and Operations and unit executive officers; and one ex officio member, the Director of IT and Operations. Unit heads and associate deans with faculty appointments are excluded from membership. Departments will elect members to the Committee in odd years.

Specialized Faculty Advisory Committee

Shachar Meron (ADV) 2024-2026
Colleen King (JOUR) 2025-2026
Josh Heuman (MACS) 2024-2026
Tracy Sulkin (Dean, ex officio)
Jason Chambers (Associate Dean, DEI, ex officio)
Stephanie Craft (Associate Dean, Academic Affairs, ex officio)

Charge: The Specialized Faculty Advisory Committee advises the Dean on matters of specific relevance to specialized faculty in the College and nominates a representative from among its members to serve as a member-at-large of the College Promotion & Tenure Committee when specialized faculty promotion cases are considered.

Make-up and Term of Committee: The Committee shall consist of three specialized faculty members: One faculty member each from the Charles H. Sandage Department of Advertising, the Department of Journalism, and the Department of Media and Cinema Studies, elected by secret written or secure electronic ballot by and from each unit. Specialized Faculty with appointments in more than one unit stand for election in the department formally considered their home unit. Departments shall elect faculty members holding senior specialized faculty titles (e.g., Senior Lecturer, Teaching or Clinical Associate or Full Professor) as defined in Provost Communication 25 except for those modified by "adjunct" or "visiting," unless there are insufficient numbers of faculty of that rank. In that case, Lecturers or Teaching or Clinical Assistant Professors may be elected but will not be eligible to serve on the College Promotion & Tenure Committee for specialized faculty promotion cases. Departments will elect members to the Committee in even years.

IPM and Department Initiatives Committee

John Wirtz (ADV) 2025-2027
Alison Davis (JOUR) 2025-2027
Angela Aguayo (MACS) 2025-2027
Reginald Hardwick (IPM) 2025-2027
DJ Roach (IPM) 2025-2027
Adrian Wong (ICR Graduate Student) 2025-2026
Layli Nazarova (JOUR Undergraduate Student) 2025-2026
Megan Tucker Zwilling (Senior Assistant Dean, Admissions & Honors, ex officio)

Charge: The IPM and Department Initiatives Committee discusses and develops collaborative teaching, research, and public engagement initiatives involving the academic departments and IPM.

Make-up and Term of Committee: The Committee shall consist of seven members: One faculty member each from the Charles H. Sandage Department of Advertising, the Department of Journalism, and the Department of Media and Cinema Studies, elected by secret written or secure electronic ballot by and from each unit; two staff members from Illinois Public Media, appointed by the Dean in consultation with the Executive Director of IPM; and one enrolled undergraduate student and one enrolled graduate student from the College appointed annually by the Dean in consultation with unit executive officers. Unit heads, directors, and associate deans with faculty appointments are excluded from membership. Departments will elect members to the Committee in odd years.

Staff Advisory Committee

Kelly Youngblood (SSC) 2025-2026
Inhee Chung (Business) 2025-2026
Dannon Dripps (IPM) 2025-2026
Tracy Sulkin (Dean, ex officio)
Dinah Stillwell (Assistant Dean, Administration, ex officio)

Charge: The Staff Advisory Committee advises the Dean on matters of matters of specific relevance to Academic Professionals and Civil Service staff in the College.

Make-up and Term of Committee: The Committee shall consist of three members: One from Illinois Public Media, one from Student Services, and one from college administrative staff in the business office, Media Tech, Advancement, and academic departments, elected by secret written or secure electronic ballot by and from each group. Unit heads, assistant and associate deans, and directors are excluded from membership.

Administrative Council:

Moss Bresnahan (Executive Director, IPM)
Meghan Burnett (Director, IT and Operations)
Derek Long (DGS, ICR)
Katie Clark (Associate Dean, Student Services)
Jason Chambers (Associate Dean, Access & Engagement)
James Hay (Interim Head, MACS)
Stephanie Craft (Associate Dean, Academic & Faculty Affairs)
Dinah Stillwell (Assistant Dean, Administration)

Deanne Johnson (Assistant Dean, Advancement)
Holly Rushakoff (Director, Communications)
Mike Yao (Director, ICR)
Jeffrey Magee (Interim Head, JOUR)
Tracy Sulkin (Dean)
Michelle Nelson (Head, ADV)

Charge: The Council provides information sharing and consultation to the Dean.

Make-up and Term of Committee: In addition to the Dean, the Council consists of academic department heads; and the assistant/associate deans and directors with responsibility for Academic Affairs; Administration; Advancement; Communications; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Illinois Public Media; IT and Operations; and the Institute of Communications Research.