

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY:
SELECTION OF STUDENT MEMBERS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2021-2022

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The election for the Student Member of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees for 2021-2022 from the Urbana-Champaign campus was held March 23 and 24, 2021, and Ms. Mariama Mwilambwe was elected as student representative to the University of Illinois Board of Trustees.

The total number of votes cast for student trustee was 3,867. There were four candidates for Student Trustee:

Mariama Mwilambwe	1,575
Alexis Perezchica	1,381
Adrian Wong	558
Justin Huff	354

Mariama Mwilambwe is an incoming junior studying political science and global studies. She ran for Student Trustee with the intention of reconnecting students to services the university can provide for them, depolarizing the campus political climate, and streamlining information to increase student engagement. Keeping students informed and weighing all student concerns equally are Ms. Mwilambwe's main priorities in her capacity as Student Trustee. She views the Student Trustee role as a service position fulfilling a fiduciary duty to the University System and a representative duty to its student constituency.

Ms. Mwilambwe's primary focus is equity and accessibility for all students. Through her campaign platform she pledged to represent every student, elevating the concerns and demands of community members from all backgrounds. She is dedicated to increasing student safety, supporting survivors, and developing safe spaces for students to be heard. She feels there are steps the collective campus community can take to improve mental health, promote environmental sustainability, and increase college affordability. As Trustee, she aims to achieve tangible goals that build bridges between students and university administration.

University of Illinois at Chicago

The election for the Student Member of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees for 2020-2021 for the Chicago campus was held March 16 and 17, 2021. Mr. Lavleen Randhawa was the declared winner.

The total number of votes cast for student trustee was 746. The final tally for each candidate is listed below:

Lavleen Randhawa	638
No Vote	108

Lavleen Randhawa is from Palatine, Illinois, and is currently a junior majoring in public policy. He relocated to the United States from Punjab, India with his family in 2016. Mr. Randhawa received an associate degree from William Rainey Harper College majoring in law enforcement and justice administration and public relations. During his time at Harper College, he previously served as Student Trustee, president of the International Students Club, and served as a Student Ambassador to the

Higher Learning Commission accreditation team. His leadership experiences also include serving as a member of the American Association of Community College Trustee's Student Advisory Committee and represented Harper College and its students in New York, San-Francisco, and Washington, D.C. at a national legislative summit and Congress. He worked with the Harper College administration to promote a safer campus environment and the smoke-free campus policy.

Mr. Randhawa is honored to have been elected to serve as a student member of the Board of Trustees and is committed to advocating for student safety and college affordability at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

University of Illinois at Springfield

The 2021-2022 Student Government Association (SGA) election, which included the election for the student representative of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees from the University of Illinois at Springfield, was held on Wednesday, April 14 through Thursday, April 15, 2021. Mr. Austin Verthein was the declared winner.

There was only one candidate who ran to be the student representative to the Board of Trustees from UIS. The tally for the certified candidate is listed below:

Austin Verthein	119
No Vote	33

Austin Verthein, from Oswego, Illinois, is a junior, majoring in Political Science and Accounting. After receiving his bachelor's degree, he plans to become a CPA, but with aspirations to work both in the private and public sector. Last year, he served as the Student Representative to the Board of Trustees and was recently re-elected

for another year. At UIS, he serves as the Treasurer of the Investment Club, the Fundraising and Financing Committee Chair of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, as well as a member of the Catholic Student Organization. His previous experience with Student Government has prepared him for the role of Student Trustee. He is looking forward to serving for a second term as student trustee.