

April 28, 2010

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** University Senate Members

**FROM:** Elise Miller-Hooks  
Chair of the University Senate

**SUBJECT:** University Senate Meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 2010

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The Transition Meeting of the University Senate will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2010. The meeting will convene at **3:30 p.m.**, in **Room 0200, Skinner Hall**. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Senate Office<sup>1</sup> by calling 301-405-5805 or sending an email to [senate-admin@umd.edu](mailto:senate-admin@umd.edu) for an excused absence. Your response will assure an accurate quorum count for the meeting.

**The meeting materials can be accessed on the Senate Web site. Please go to <http://www.senate.umd.edu/meetings/materials/> and click on the date of the meeting.**

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Election of the Chair-Elect.
3. Approval of the April 29, 2010, Senate Minutes (Action)
4. Report of the Outgoing Chair, Elise Miller-Hooks
5. Special Elections (Action) – *Ballots will be distributed at the meeting.*
  - i. Senate Executive Committee
  - ii. Committee on Committees
  - iii. Athletic Council
  - iv. Council of University System Faculty (CUSF)
  - v. Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)
6. Special Order  
*Update on the Purple Line*  
Ann Wylie, Vice President for Administrative Affairs
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

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<sup>1</sup> Any request for excused absence made after 1:00 p.m. will not be recorded as an excused absence.

## **University Senate**

April 29, 2010

### **Members Present**

Members present at the meeting: 89

### **Call to Order**

Senate Chair Miller-Hooks called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Chair Miller-Hooks asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 22, 2010 meeting. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as distributed.

### **Report of the Chair**

Miller-Hooks announced that the Senate Office is still accepting volunteers for vacancies on senate committees. There is still a need for faculty volunteers. She also explained that there is one more meeting left in the semester, May 5, 2010. This will be the transition meeting where new senators will be seated and the Chair-Elect and elected committees will be selected. She also explained that the Senate has planned to take a group picture as a farewell gift for President Mote at the May 5, 2010 meeting.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Review of the Decision-Making Process Regarding Site Selection for Construction Projects (Senate Document#: 09-10-24) (Action)**

Miller-Hooks explained that the proposal had been discussed and amended at the April 22, 2010 Senate meeting. She asked that Senators limit their discussion to the report as amended and make comments based on issues that have not yet been discussed. Miller-Hooks opened the floor to discussion.

Senator Smela, Faculty, College of Engineering, made a motion to call the question and end debate on the proposal as amended.

Miller-Hooks called for a vote on the motion to end debate and explained that it required a 2/3 vote. **The motion passed.**

Miller-Hooks announced that debate on the proposal had ended and that we would move immediately to a vote on the proposal as amended. **The proposal passed.**

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Results of the Council of University System Staff Elections 2010 (Senate Document#: 09-10-40) (Information)**

Miller-Hooks explained that the Staff Affairs Committee had conducted elections for the Council of University System Staff, and the results had been submitted to the Senate for its information.

#### **Campus Safety Report 2010 (Senate Document#: 09-10-42) (Information)**

Miller-Hooks explained that the Campus Affairs Committee reviewed campus safety and submitted their Campus Safety Report to the Senate for its information.

#### **ERG Committee: Plan of Organization for the College of Information Studies (CLIS) (Senate Document#: 07-08-35) (Action)**

Marc Pound, Member of the Elections, Representation & Governance (ERG) Committee, presented the proposal to the Senate and provided background information.

Senator Tobiason, Graduate Student, College of Arts & Humanities, thanked the committee for their work and commended the College of Information Studies for its inclusion of student representation on committees in their Plan.

Senator Sachs, Undergraduate, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences, stated that he was in favor of the Plan, and that student representation is an important aspect.

Hearing no further discussion, Miller-Hooks called for a vote on the proposal. **The revisions to the CLIS Plan of Organization passed.**

#### **PCC Proposal to Merge the Departments of Theatre and Dance into a New School of Theatre, Dance, and Performance Studies (Senate Document#: 09-10-43) (Action)**

Alex Chen, Chair of the Programs, Curricula and Courses Committee, presented the proposal to the Senate and provided background information.

Miller-Hooks opened the floor to discussion of the proposal.

Senator Leone, Faculty, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences, asked the Dean of the College of Arts & Humanities to comment on plans to integrate student representation in the new form of governance for the merger.

Dean Harris, College of Arts & Humanities, stated that it was a complex issue, but they have made a lot of progress. The Chair has appointed an ad hoc committee to look at undergraduate, graduate student, and staff representation on committees. The ad hoc committee has been appointed and charged. He believes that this is an important issue and has every confidence that there will be appropriate representation on the committees.

Hearing no further discussion, Miller-Hooks called for a vote of the Senate. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

**PCC Proposal to Merge the B.S. Degree Programs in Dietetics, Food Science, and Nutritional Science into a Single Program Titled "Nutrition and Food Science" (Senate Document#: 09-10-44) (Action)**

Alex Chen, Chair of the Programs, Curricula and Courses Committee, presented the proposal to the Senate and provided background information. Miller-Hooks opened the floor to discussion; hearing none, she called for a vote of the Senate. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

**PCC Proposal to Merge the Graduate Programs in Food Science and Nutrition into a Single Program Titled "Nutrition and Food Science" (Senate Document#: 09-10-45) (Action)**

Alex Chen, Chair of the Programs, Curricula and Courses Committee, presented the proposal to the Senate and provided background information. Miller-Hooks opened the floor to discussion; hearing none, she called for a vote of the Senate. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

**PCC Proposal to Establish a Master of Science Degree in Human-Computer Interaction (Senate Document#: 09-10-46) (Action)**

Alex Chen, Chair of the Programs, Curricula and Courses Committee, presented the proposal to the Senate and provided background information. Miller-Hooks opened the floor to discussion; hearing none, she called for a vote of the Senate. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

**Review of the Faculty Merit Pay Policy (Senate Document#: 09-10-04) (Action)**

Eric Kasischke, Chair of the Merit Pay Taskforce, presented the proposal to the Senate and provided an overview of the work.

Miller-Hooks opened the floor to discussion.

Senator Smela, Faculty, College of Engineering, proposed an amendment to the policy.

Amendment:

Add the following text to Section III. A. of the policy:

**The unit shall post the approved plan on its web site so that its faculty can access it.**

Miller-Hooks opened the floor to discussion of the amendment; hearing none, she called for a vote of the Senate. **The amendment passed.**

Senator A'Hearn, Faculty, College of Computer, Mathematical & Physical Sciences, inquired whether the taskforce discussed the issue of research faculty.

Kasischke stated that research faculty were discussed. Specifically, they asked whether it was possible for research faculty to get merit pay increases from grant funding even if there was no State merit money. The Legal Office explained that this was not possible. He further stated that some units do include research faculty in their plans.

Senator Hackman, Faculty, Libraries, stated that he was dismayed by the exclusion of Library faculty in the taskforce's survey. He proposed an amendment to the report of the taskforce.

Amendment:

Page 1, second paragraph, add the text in bold:

To conduct its review, the Task Force requested copies of Merit Pay Distribution Plans from all units on campus responsible for determining the distribution of merit pay. In addition, an online survey was developed to provide the opportunity for all University of Maryland **tenured and tenure-track** faculty to provide feedback on their unit's merit pay plan. **Permanent status and permanent status-track Library faculty were not invited to take part in the online survey.**

Kasischke apologized for the oversight. He explained that Hackman could not amend the report, but that he was happy to include his language in the report.

Miller-Hooks explained that this change did not require a vote of the Senate.

Senator Pound, Non-Tenured Research Faculty, stated that the report should also state that research faculty were not included in the survey. Kasischke agreed.

Senator Mar, Faculty, College of Arts & Humanities, commended the taskforce's recommendation that the Provost should address salary compression and equity issues. She stated that these are important issues that should be dealt with in order to keep our junior faculty. She would like to see a mechanism to deal with this issue.

Senator Leone, Faculty, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences, commended the taskforce on their report. He asked whether the taskforce's revisions institute a mechanism in which a salary would be lost or taken away?

Kasischke stated that this policy is not related in any way to post-tenure review. There is no provision in the merit pay policy for salary reduction.

Senator Leone, Faculty, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences, referred to a statement on p.13 I. b. "Deans will distribute funds to departments using their discretion. Deans should distribute money to reward departments which are exceptionally productive in the areas of research and scholarship, creative activity, teaching and advising, and service." He asked if anyone has heard of a Dean denying an entire department of merit pay?

Kasischke responded that it was not an issue raised in their survey of the faculty. The taskforce has recommended that the Provost should review how to handle equity and compression.

Senator A'Hearn, Faculty, College of Computer, Mathematical & Physical Sciences, proposed an amendment, and it was seconded.

Amendment:

Add the following text to Section II.6.:

**Units with non-tenured research faculty are encouraged to include provisions for research faculty in their merit pay plans.**

Miller-Hooks opened the floor to discussion of the amendment.

Senator Goodman, Faculty, College of Computer, Mathematical & Physical Sciences, stated that he would like to understand whether the research faculty are included in the definition of faculty for this policy and whether they can vote on the unit's plan before we approve this amendment. He stated that it makes sense for a separate plan for the research faculty.

Senator Cohen, Faculty, College of Computer, Mathematical & Physical Sciences, stated that he does not believe that this policy relates to research faculty. The funding sources vary for research faculty. It is difficult to incorporate this in the same plan for tenured/tenure-track faculty. There should be a separate group that devises a plan for research faculty.

Senator Pound, Non-Tenured Research Faculty, stated that Astronomy does include research faculty in their merit process. This amendment just allows the possibility.

Senator Martin-Beltran, Faculty, College of Education, asked whether faculty can choose whether they are considered for merit pay.

Senator A'Hearn, Faculty, College of Computer, Mathematical & Physical Sciences, responded that it is the unit's choice to include research faculty in their faculty merit review plan. The amendment encourages them to provide merit pay analogous to the way it is provided for tenured/tenure-track faculty.

Senator Smela, Faculty, College of Engineering, spoke against the amendment. She stated that we need to look into how research faculty participate and how it can be handled before we incorporate it into this policy.

Senator Goodman, Faculty, College of Computer, Mathematical & Physical Sciences, spoke against the amendment. He stated that there has to be a different review for research faculty that does not involve teaching or service. The research sponsor should be involved. He does not believe this is the mechanism for that type of review.

Dean Halperin, College of Computer, Mathematical & Physical Sciences, asked whether the term 'faculty' always refers to tenured/tenure-track faculty.

Ellin Scholnick, Member of the Merit Pay Taskforce, explained that the policy is implicitly for tenured/tenure-track faculty. It does not include instructors. There is currently no such policy for research faculty.

Hearing no further discussion, Miller-Hooks called for a vote of the Senate. **The amendment failed.**

Dean Halperin, College of Computer, Mathematical & Physical Sciences, proposed an amendment to replace 'faculty' with 'tenured/tenure-track faculty' everywhere that it appears in the policy. The amendment was seconded.

Miller-Hooks opened the floor to discussion of the amendment.

Senator Hackman, Faculty, Libraries, asked whether permanent status/permanent status-track library faculty could also be included in the definition.

Senator Goodman, Faculty, College of Computer, Mathematical & Physical Sciences, asked whether Dean Halperin would agree to change his amendment to define faculty as tenured/tenure-track faculty and permanent status/permanent

status-track library faculty in the beginning of the document. Dean Halperin agreed.

Hearing no further discussion, Miller-Hooks called for a vote of the amendment. **The amendment passed.**

Hearing no further discussion, Miller-Hooks called for a vote of the proposal as amended. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Adjournment**

Senate Chair Miller-Hooks adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.





## University Senate TRANSMITTAL FORM

<b>Senate Document #:</b>	09-10-37
<b>PCC ID #:</b>	N/A
<b>Title:</b>	Transition Meeting Slate 2010
<b>Presenter:</b>	Becky Zonies Kenemuth, Chair of the Nominations Committee
<b>Date of SEC Review:</b>	April 6, 2010 and April 14, 2010
<b>Date of Senate Review:</b>	May 5, 2010
<b>Voting (highlight one):</b>	On resolutions or recommendations one by one, or In a single vote To endorse entire report
<b>Statement of Issue:</b>	The Senate Nominations Committee has prepared a slate of nominees for the 2010-2011 Chair-Elect, the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), the Committee on Committees, as well as the Senate-Elected memberships of the Athletic Council, the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF), and the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC).
<b>Relevant Policy # &amp; URL:</b>	N/A
<b>Recommendation:</b>	The Senate Nominations Committee recommends the attached slate of nominees for election at the May 5, 2010 Transition Meeting of the University Senate.
<b>Committee Work:</b>	<p>The Senate Nominations Committee began recruitment efforts in January 2010. The Committee sent announcements for the open candidacy period to all continuing and incoming Senators in February 2010. Members of the committee reached out to eligible candidates for all open seats and obtained written consent of all nominees, in accordance with the Bylaws of the University Senate.</p> <p>The Committee voted in favor of approving a preliminary slate on March 31, 2010 and approved the final slate on April 13, 2010.</p>
<b>Alternatives:</b>	To not accept the slate of nominees for election.
<b>Risks:</b>	There are no associated risks.
<b>Financial Implications:</b>	There are no financial implications.
<b>Further Approvals Required:</b> <i>(*Important for PCC Items)</i>	Senate Election, President Approval

## **Slate of Candidates for the 2010-2011 Chair-Elect**

Submitted by the Senate Nominations Committee

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### **Chair-Elect Nominees (One will be Elected)**

- Richard Ellis                      College of Computer, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences
- Eric Kasischke                      College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

# **Slate of Candidates for the Senate Executive Committee, 2010-2011 Election**

Submitted by the Senate Nominations Committee

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## **Faculty Senator Nominees (Seven will be Elected)**

- Tom Cohen                      College of Computer, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences
- Charles Delwiche              College of Chemical and Life Sciences
- Richard Ellis                    College of Computer, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences
- Steven Hurtt                    School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation
- Eric Kasischke                  College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Dushanka Kleinman            School of Public Health
- Mark Leone                      College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Valérie Orlando                College of Arts and Humanities
- Terry Owen                      Libraries
- André Rupp                      College of Education
- Elisabeth Smela                A. James Clark School of Engineering
- Martha Nell Smith              College of Arts and Humanities
- Daphne Soares                 College of Chemical and Life Sciences
- Xiaoping Zhu                    College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

## **Exempt Staff Senator Nominees (One will be Elected)**

- Gene Ferrick                    College of Chemical and Life Sciences
- Larry Lauer                      College of Computer, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences
- Steven Petkas                   Student Affairs, Department of Resident Life

## **Non-Exempt Staff Senator Nominees (One will be Elected)**

- Denise Best                      College of Arts and Humanities
- Cliffornia Royals Howard      College of Arts and Humanities
- Cynthia Shaw                   Undergraduate Studies, Center for Teaching Excellence

## **Graduate Student Senator Nominees (One will be Elected)**

- Daniel Branscome              Robert H. Smith School of Business
- Erick Butzlaff                    A. James Clark School of Engineering
- Jill Jones                         College of Education
- Yakov Kronrod                    College of Arts and Humanities

## **Undergraduate Student Senator Nominees (Two will be Elected)**

- Emily Burke                      College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Michael Casiano                College of Arts and Humanities
- Lisa Crisalli                      College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Joshua Dowling                 College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Eric Rosenberg                  College of Computer, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences
- Varysa Williams                Letters and Sciences
- Ian Winchester                  College of Chemical and Life Sciences
- Kaiyi Xie                         A. James Clark School of Engineering

**Slate of Candidates for the Committee on Committees, 2010-2011 Election**  
Submitted by the Senate Nominations Committee

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**Faculty Senator Nominees (Three will be Elected)**

- Dawn Gavin                      College of Arts and Humanities
- Timothy Hackman              Libraries
- Robert Schwab                 College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Miao Yu                         A. James Clark School of Engineering

**Non-Exempt Staff Senator Nominees (One will be Elected)**

- Denise Best                      College of Arts and Humanities

**Graduate Student Senator Nominees (One will be Elected)**

- Patricia Joseph                 College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

**Undergraduate Student Senator Nominees (One will be Elected)**

- David Rothenberg              College of Arts and Humanities

**Slate of Candidates for the 2010-2011 Senate-Elected Councils and Committees**  
Submitted by the Senate Nominations Committee

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**Athletic Council Slate 2010-2011**

**Faculty Representative Nominees (Four will be Elected)**

- Elaine Anderson                      School of Public Health
  - Ellen Fabian                            College of Education
  - Irwin Forseth                           College of Chemical and Life Sciences
  - Bruce Jacob                            A. James Clark School of Engineering
  - Elise Miller-Hooks                    A. James Clark School of Engineering
  - Robin Sawyer                         School of Public Health
  - Anne Turkos                            Libraries
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**Council of University System Faculty (CUSF) Slate 2010-2011**

**Faculty Alternate Representative Nominees (One will be Elected)**

- Radu Balan                              College of Computer, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences
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**Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Slate 2010-2011**

**Faculty Representative Nominees (One will be Elected)**

- Charles Wellford                      College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

**Staff Representative Nominees (One will be Elected)**

- Wallace Hart                            Facilities Management
- Gordon Oliver                          Transportation Services

**Undergraduate Representative Nominees (One will be Elected)**

- Matthew Cooper                      Letters and Sciences
- Brian Galloway                        School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation
- Mehdi Naqvi                            College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Bradley Nolet                          College of Chemical and Life Sciences

## **Candidacy Statements for the Chair-Elect 2010-2011 Election**

### **Char-Elect Nominees**

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#### **Richard Ellis – College of Computer, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences**

I am a professor of Physics and a member of The Institute for Research in Electronics and Applied Physics which is where I, my students, and my lab are housed and for whom I am currently a member of the Senate. I have been at College Park since 1979. I have served in administrative capacities as Asst/Assoc Dean of CMPS, Associate Chair of The Dept of Physics, Executive Secretary of Phi Beta Kappa. At the Senate level I was Chair of the PCC committee and a member of the Executive Committee and I am currently a member of the Athletic Council. I have served on and often chaired numerous departmental and college committees. I presently am PI on three very active research grants in the area of experimental plasma physics.

I am interested in serving as Chair- Elect (and ultimately Chair) for a variety of reasons. It is a position where I believe I can make a real contribution to the University, drawing on my wide experience. Having served on the Senate Executive Committee I have a good idea of how the Senate operates and have great respect for both the efficiency and fairness of the institution. I have also had a lifelong interest in how colleges and universities operate and am particularly interested in the academic side of university life. In my research and administrative pursuits I have also collaborated with staff at all levels and have a reputation of working well with these individuals and groups.

#### **Eric Kasischke – College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

Over the past several years, I have become increasingly involved in campus affairs and would welcome the opportunity of continuing this service if elected Chair of the University Senate. For the past three years, I have served on the campus-level Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure Committee. Serving on the Campus APT Committee has provided me with a deep sense of the depth and breadth of excellence in scholarship and creative activity that exists across the different Schools and Colleges that make up the University of Maryland. I have also become increasingly appreciative of the value of the principal of shared governance that is provided through the University Senate working with the university's administration. Not only does the Senate provide the mechanism for a very diverse faculty to work together with the administration to discuss and formulate important policies, but one of the unique aspects of the Maryland's University Senate is that its committee structure allows for the participation of all members of the campus community, not just its faculty. The appointment of the new President comes at a critical time for the Senate leadership in that it must provide a compelling case to the new President to continue the practice of shared governance that has evolved over the past decade. I believe my background, experience, and commitment provides the foundation to participate in leading the Senate over the next few years.

For the past two years, I have been the Senate representative for the Department of Geography. For the past year, I have chaired the Senate's Faculty Affairs Committee as well as the President/Senate Task Force to review the University's Policy on Faculty Merit Pay Distribution. Within the Department of Geography, I have chaired its Graduate, Facilities, and Undergraduate Committees, and served as its Graduate Director for three years. I have also has served on the BSOS Graduate Committee, and on the Search Committee for the BSOS Dean.

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## **Candidacy Statements for the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) 2010-2011 Election**

### **Faculty Senator Nominees**

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#### **Tom Cohen – College of Computer, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences**

Tom Cohen is a Professor of Physics whose research focuses on theoretical issues at the borderline of nuclear and particle physics. He has published widely in this field with more than 130 papers in refereed journals. Dr. Cohen is a fellow of the American Physical Society and on the editorial board of Physical Review C—the leading nuclear physics journal. He also serves as moderator for both theoretical and experimental nuclear physics for the ArXiv the principal electronic means for distribution of papers in physics and related disciplines. Dr. Cohen is deeply committed to teaching. Over the years he has received a number of teaching awards including the Dean's Award For Teaching Excellence from CMPS in 1993; he was named a Distinguished Scholar Teacher in 2005.

Dr. Cohen has spent his entire professional career at the University of Maryland. He arrived in College Park as a post-doctoral research associate in 1985 immediately after receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and was subsequently promoted to Assistant Research Scientist before joining the teaching faculty in 1987. He is presently the Director of the Maryland Center for Fundamental Physics. He is also the Associate Chair for Graduate Education in the Physics Department.

#### **Charles Delwiche – College of Chemical and Life Sciences**

Charles Delwiche is an Associate Professor in Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics. He received his A.B. in Botany from UC Berkeley in 1984, and his Ph.D. in Botany from the University of Wisconsin - Madison before starting postdoctoral research at Indiana University. He came to the University of Maryland – College Park in 1996, and was tenured and promoted to Associate in 2001. His research uses DNA methods and computer analyses to study the early evolutionary history of photosynthetic organisms. He has taught introductory botany, bioinformatics, and organismal biology at the University of Maryland, as well as graduate courses in molecular systematics and bioinformatics. He has received research funding from the National Science Foundation and the USDA, and received an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Young Investigator award in Molecular Studies of Evolution (1999). He served as co-chair of the German American Frontiers of Science organizing committee (and was a Kavli Fellow) in 2007, and received the Darbaker Award in studies of Microalgae from the Botanical Society of America in 2006. He serves as the Director of the CBMG/CLFS Imaging and genomics facilities, and is Director of the Norton-Brown Herbarium. He has served two terms on the Graduate Council and has been a Senator since 2008. He was Chair of the Senate APAS Committee for 2009/2010.

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### **Steven Hurtt – School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation**

Steve Hurtt came to the University of Maryland in 1990 as dean of the then School of Architecture and served in that position until 2004. While he served as dean the school expanded to include graduate programs in Planning, Historic Preservation, and created the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education. The school now also includes a graduate program in Real Estate Development and a Ph.D program. Reflecting these changes the school is now the School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation.

While serving as dean, Hurtt became deeply involved in matters of facilities and campus planning and initiated or oversaw numerous design studies and institutional changes that have contributed to the quality of the campus design and planning processes and changes evident around campus including the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, the new dorms along Knox Road, and the Mayer Mall, and was also instrumental in the early conceptualization of the East Campus redevelopment as a new college town environment. Hurtt continues to teach full time and remains involved with campus planning and facilities. Hurtt says that he believes his diverse experiences will enable him to continue to serve the campus through the University Senate Executive Committee.

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### **Dushanka Kleinman – School of Public Health**

I have served as a University Senator since 2009 and have appreciated the diverse issues brought before the Senate. I have been impressed with the ability of the university to pursue its strategic plan in light of the challenging economic times. I joined the University of Maryland in early 2007 because I was attracted to the University's bold commitment to create a school of public health on the flagship campus, a step that permits public health training and research to benefit from the many disciplines on campus that go beyond the traditional biomedical model. I am the Associate Dean for Research and Academic Affairs and Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the School of Public Health. In this role I work closely with the School's senior leadership, faculty and students and have devoted much of the past few years to the accreditation self-study process required to establish a new School of Public Health. My interest in being considered for the Senate Executive Committee comes from my desire to contribute from my past and current experiences in implementing change during challenging times.

I currently serve on the University's Research Development Council and the Council of Associate Deans for Graduate Education, and have been on the planning committee for Bioscience Day for the past three years. I also have served on two Task Forces for the Provost. External to the university I am a member of the Board of Scientific Counselors for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Coordinating Center for Health Promotion, an editorial board member of the Journal of the American Dental Association and a Board member of several organizations including the Commissioned Officers Foundation for Public Health. I have had 28 years of federal government service with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) prior to joining the university. At DHHS I participated in various phases of reinventing government, administrative streamlining and reorganization predominately at NIH. From 1991 to 2006 I served as Deputy Director, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, NIH and Assistant Surgeon General, U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps. I have a D.D.S. from the College of Dentistry at the University of Illinois at Chicago, a M.Sc.D. in dental public health from the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine at Boston University and am a Diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health. My research has been on the epidemiology of oral mucosal tissue diseases and disorders, especially tobacco-related lesions and oral manifestations of HIV.

### **Mark Leone – College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

Mark P. Leone is professor in the Department of Anthropology. He is an archaeologist who has taught at UMCP since 1976. Leone is best known professionally for founding Archaeology in Annapolis which has excavated over 40 archaeological sites in the state capital since 1981. This archaeological project was the first in the nation to open excavations to the public, free.

Leone was Chair of the University Senate in 2000 and also served prior to that on many Senate committees. He was also Chair of the Department of Anthropology for 10 years, beginning in 1993. He has a strong interest in faculty governance and has worked hard to promote staff interests, better benefits for all University employees, and stronger efforts on behalf of University lobbying, particularly on Capitol Hill. His strongest commitment is in sustaining and enhancing faculty and staff salaries.

### **Valérie Orlando – College of Arts and Humanities**

Orlando, Associate Professor of French & Francophone Literatures in the Department of French & Italian, is the author of four books: *Nomadic Voices of Exile: Feminine Identity in Francophone Literature of the Maghreb*, (Ohio University Press, 1999), *Of Suffocated Hearts and Tortured Souls: Seeking Subjecthood Through Madness in Francophone Women's Writing of Africa and the Caribbean* (Lexington Books, 2003), *Francophone Voices of the 'New Morocco' in Film and Print: (Re)presenting a Society in Transition* (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2009) and, *Screening Morocco: Filmic Depictions of a Changing Society* (forthcoming, Ohio UP, 2010). She teaches courses in both French

and English which focus on literatures and cinema of the African diaspora. She has written numerous articles on Francophone women's writing from the African diaspora, African Cinema, and French literature and culture. She was awarded a Fulbright Senior Scholar Research Grant to Morocco and Tunisia in Spring 2007 and an American Institute of Maghrebi Studies (AIMS) grant for May-June 2009 to Morocco.

Having served for 3 years on the Human Relations committee and then this year as its Chair, I have had the opportunity to work with many dynamic people from all over campus representing faculty, staff and students. As a humanist, I have personally found working on this committee to be very interesting and insightful. As chair, I have sought to work with committee members in order to properly respond to some of the most pressing questions and debates concerning our campus. Some of these questions have involved issues of diversity, freedom of speech, and separation of religion and state. In addition to working with the HR committee, I have served two years as a member of the APAS (Academic Procedures and Standards) committee which also has been very informative with regard to gaining knowledge about the inner-workings of our campus, the function of various administrative departments, programs and schools as well as the procedures for mediating between students and faculty.

Since 2006, I have enjoyed my work on these Senate Committees and would like to continue as a member of the SEC. It is my strong belief that the University of Maryland's Senate is a vital entity on campus and will continue to play an important role in the overall sustainability of the university's intellectual growth and development in the coming years. Senate members are the voice of the faculty, staff and students on our campus. Therefore, as members, I believe that it is our duty to guarantee that the campus remains a place of inclusion and peace that will foster the intellectual growth of all constituents working within its realm.

### **Terry Owen – Libraries**

Terry Owen holds a B.S. in Geology from the University of Alaska and M.L.I.S. from the University of Hawaii. As coordinator for DRUM (Digital Repository at the University of Maryland), Terry is responsible for promoting repository services to the University of Maryland campus and providing user support, education, and documentation for the repository. In addition, he also plans, implements, and directs programs for educating faculty and students on scholarly communication and open access issues, including author rights and copyright.

Terry has presented papers on electronic theses and dissertations at meetings of the American Library Association, the Open Repositories annual conference, and the National Information Standards Organization Forum on Digital Repositories.

Professional service activities include chair of the Scholarly Communications Interest Group of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, a member of the program committee for SPARC's (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) 2008 Digital Repositories meeting, and a member of the Society for Scholarly Publishing Marketing Committee. At the University of Maryland, he served on the Senate Executive Committee from 2009-2010 and on the Senate Educational Affairs Committee from 2006-2008. In 2007, Terry was selected to attend the Institute on Scholarly Communication in Washington, DC.

### **André Rupp – College of Education**

André A. Rupp is Assistant Professor in the Department of Measurement, Statistics, and Evaluation (EDMS) at the University of Maryland. His synthesis-oriented work frequently circumscribes, deconstructs, and re-arranges the current state-of-the-art of methodological research and practice at the intersection of educational and psychological measurement, applied cognitive psychology, and the learning sciences. His current research interests center around cognitively-grounded assessment approaches and associated statistical models, which broadly fall under the umbrella terms diagnostic measurement and diagnostic classification models, respectively. Dr. Rupp is currently the co-PI and co-investigator on two NSF-funded research grants related to modeling complex data

structures arising from games-based assessments using modern latent-variable methods and non-parametric alternatives.

Having been the EDMS senator for the UMD senate for the last year and a half and a chair of several awards committees in my field I can appreciate the importance of the work of the Senate Executive Committee for providing informed guidance for the university Senate on matters that touch a broad range of constituents. A related personal factor for me is that I came to the university in January 2008 and would benefit from the critical, inspired, and collegial interchanges that I would imagine are part of the committee work. I believe that the work in the Senate Executive Committee would connect me in a meaningful yet unique way with a variety of faculty, students, and staff from different departments and colleges from all over campus.

Despite my rather technical training I possess a keen interest in the way different systems, networks, or communities function. Thus, I believe that a position on the Senate Executive Committee would help me understand and shape the workings of UMD in some small, but hopefully significant, way. Intellectually, I am particularly sensitive to the nuances of argumentation and can appreciate clear, cohesive, and consistent arguments, especially when they span different fields or disciplines. I believe that these qualities make me a suitable candidate because I would imagine that collegial and professional critical friends are essential for the Senate Executive Committee to function effectively and efficiently.

### **Elisabeth Smela – A. James Clark School of Engineering**

Elisabeth Smela is currently serving on the Senate Executive Committee and is a candidate for a second year.

Dr. Smela is an Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, an affiliate faculty member with the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and a member of the Graduate Program of the Department of BioEngineering. Prior to 2000, she was Vice President of Research and Development at the start-up company Santa Fe Science and Technology. Her expertise is in micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMS) and electroactive polymers. She has published in numerous high-impact journals, including three papers in Science. She receives funding from the NSF, the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, the Army Research Office, and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, among others. She is the recipient of NSF's Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE), the Clark School's Kent Junior Faculty Teaching Award, the Office of Technology Commercialization's Outstanding Invention of 2004, the DuPont Young Professor Award, and the Pi Tau Sigma (Mechanical Engineering Honor Society) Purple Camshaft teaching award. She has graduated 4 Ph.D. students and five M.S. students, and she has supervised nearly 30 undergraduate students in her laboratory.

Her commitment to her department, college, university, and the larger research community is demonstrated by her record of service and education. Since joining the University of Maryland, she has participation in numerous departmental committees (including the Mechanical Engineering Self-Study Committee, Merit Pay Salary Committee, and a number of search committees), and she organized and ran, for five years, a seminar series, held biweekly throughout the year, for graduate students to present their work in the area of micro-systems. At the college level, she is currently on the APT committee and is participating in planning for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the Clark School. She served as a faculty advisor for two trips to Burkina Faso with students from Engineers Without Borders for the installation of solar powered lighting in village schools. She has served on the faculty teaching award committee, the Engineering Council, the FabLab (clean room) steering committee, and several faculty and administrative search committees. At the university level, she is a senator and a member of the Faculty Affairs Committee, as well as a member of the SEC. She worked with Ellin Scholnick and Sally Koblinsky on the new university policy granting a part-time option upon the birth or adoption of a child. She is also a member of the Presidential/Senate Faculty Merit Pay Policy Task Force, leading the sub-committee on surveying the faculty. Regarding professional service, she reviews extensively for numerous journals, including Science, Nature Materials,

Lab on a Chip, and other prestigious publications. She is also active in organizing conferences and is working with a colleague to establish a new journal.

### **Martha Nell Smith – College of Arts and Humanities**

Considering citizenship one of the most important qualities of a university professor, Martha Nell Smith has been active in faculty governance since arriving on the University of Maryland campus in 1986, serving on a wide range of department, college, and university committees, and in various administrative capacities.

Smith is Professor of English and Founding Director of the Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities (MITH <<http://www.mith.umd.edu>>) at the University of Maryland; Smith is also Affiliate Professor of Women's Studies, LGBT Studies, American Studies, the Consortium on Race, Gender, Ethnicity (CRGE), and the Human-Computer Interaction Lab (HCIL). Her numerous print publications include five books, three of them award-winning—*Emily Dickinson, A User's Guide* (August 2010); *Companion to Emily Dickinson* (Jan 2008), coedited with Mary Loeffelholz; *Open Me Carefully: Emily Dickinson's Intimate Letters to Susan Dickinson* (1998), coauthored with Ellen Louise Hart; *Comic Power in Emily Dickinson* (1993), coauthored with Cristanne Miller and Suzanne Juhasz; *Rowing in Eden: Rereading Emily Dickinson* (1992)—and scores of articles and essays in *American Literature*, *Studies in the Literary Imagination*, *South Atlantic Quarterly*, *Women's Studies Quarterly*, *Profils Americains*, *San Jose Studies*, *The Emily Dickinson Journal*, *ESQ*, and *A Companion to Digital Humanities*. The recipient of numerous awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), the Mellon Foundation, and the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) for her work on Dickinson, American literary history, and in new media, Smith is also Coordinator and Executive Editor of the *Dickinson Electronic Archives* projects at the Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities (IATH) at the University of Virginia <<http://emilydickinson.org>>. With Lara Vetter, Smith co-edited *Emily Dickinson's Correspondence: A Born-Digital Textual Inquiry* (Dec 2008) published by Rotunda New Digital Scholarship, University of Virginia Press. With teams at the University of Illinois, University of Virginia, University of Nebraska, University of Alberta, and Northwestern University, Smith has worked on two interrelated Mellon-sponsored data mining and visualization initiative, NORA <<http://www.noraproject.org>> and MONK (Metadata Offer New Knowledge) <<http://www.monkproject.org/>>. Smith also serves on the editorial board and steering committee of NINES (Networked Interface for Nineteenth-Century Electronic Scholarship; <<http://www.nines.org/>>) and is on numerous advisory boards of digital literary projects such as *The Poetess Archive* <<http://www.orgs.muohio.edu/womenpoets/poetess/>>, *Digital Dickens*, and the *Melville Electronic Library* (MEL). A leader in innovations in academic publishing, Smith served on the Executive Council of the Association for Computers in the Humanities (2001-2004), co-chaired the Modern Language Association (MLA)'s Committee on Scholarly Editions (CSE, 2004-2008), and chairs the University of Maryland's Library Council (2008-2011). For outstanding scholarly achievement and innovative leadership in which diversity inheres in any definition of excellence, Livingston College at Rutgers University awarded Smith its Distinguished Alumni Award in 2009, the highest honor that the college bestows upon its former students. Smith has also been named a Distinguished Scholar-Teacher at the University of Maryland, 2010-2011.

Smith would welcome the opportunity to serve on the Senate Executive Council and would advocate for stronger faculty governance, for even more effective lobbying of state government on behalf of the university, and for deeper and richer interdisciplinary collaborations. These trying times can be ones of opportunity and advancement, and she is keen to continue serving and working with her colleagues in making them so.

### **Daphne Soares – College of Chemical and Life Sciences**

Daphne Soares has been an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biology in the College of Chemical and Life Sciences at the University of Maryland since 2003. Dr. Soares received her B.S. in Biology from the University of Maryland in 1996 and her Ph.D. in Neuroscience and Cognitive Sciences from the University of Maryland in 2002.

Dr. Soares was a Post-doctoral Fellow at the University of Maryland in 2002 and a Post-doctoral Fellow at Harvard University from 2002-2003. She was the recipient of an ORAU award in 2004. Additionally, Dr. Soares has served as a University of Maryland Faculty Senator from 2009 to present, and currently serves on the Senate CORE Committee.

### **Xiaoping Zhu – College of Agriculture and Natural Resources**

I am a tenured Associate Professor of Immunology in the Department of Veterinary Medicine. I have been awarded a PhD degree in the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1997. I then joined Harvard University Medical School as a post-doctor and junior faculty from 1997 to 2003. Afterward, I came to the University of Maryland as an Assistant Professor. My research interests are related to the Immunology of Infectious Diseases in humans and animals which has been funded by four competitive NIH grants since 2003. I developed and taught an advanced 3-credit graduate course. I have regularly supervised seven doctoral students and two postdoctoral scientists in my laboratory since 2003 and served in thesis committee for more than 30 graduate students on campus. In 2008, I was awarded a Faculty Minority Achievement Award as well as Junior Faculty Excellence Award in the AGNR. I am also a member of the Maryland Pathogen Research Institute as an affiliated Associate Professor which involves strong interactions with faculty in other colleges and departments.

I have served on numerous departmental committees as well as those within the college of AGNR. I am currently serving my second term as a member of the Senate; this has provided me with an exposure to the big picture on campus. The past five years of senate experience has provided me with an unprecedented overview of most of the programs in the diverse departments and colleges at the University. I strongly support shared governance and the motivation of the University of Maryland to become one of the best public research universities. I feel that my background will provide the Senate Executive Committee with an excellent viewpoint. If elected, I will be very happy to take the opportunity of providing advice to the President on a regular basis as a Senator on the Executive Committee. It is a great honor to be nominated to serve on the Senate Executive Committee. I sincerely ask for your support.

## **Exempt Staff Senator Nominees**

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### **Gene Ferrick – College of Chemical and Life Sciences**

I have a passion for the University's success and maintaining a high quality of life for our community. My network of colleagues includes faculty, staff and students who can offer guidance concerning the issues before the Senate. The coming year will be full of important activities such as welcoming a new president and the possible merger of two colleges. My experience can be beneficial. This fall marks 30 years of association with UM including my start as a student. On the Dean's staff in the College of Chemical & Life Sciences my work ranges from student support to policy review, including advising and teaching students; coordinating events; evaluating programs and courses; and analyzing data. I am in my third term as a Senator and have chaired the Staff Affairs and Campus Affairs Committees, and been a member of the SEC, Student Affairs, ERG, the Campus Transportation Committee, the Committee on Committees, and the Athletic Council. My service also includes being a peer consultant with the Center for Leadership and Organizational Change.

### **Larry Lauer – College of Computer, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences**

I am currently the Director for Administrative Service at the Institute for Physical Science and Technology. Having been on campus since 1984 in various exempt staff (associate staff) positions, I have experience with many of the challenges facing the campus currently- state budget reductions, change in leadership, academic reorganization etc. I have been a member of the Campus Senate and Senate Executive Committee previously. I have also chaired

the Campus Staff Affairs Committee in the past. Recently I have been elected by my campus peers twice as the Exempt Staff Representative to the Council of University System Staff (CUSS). I have served as elected Chair of CUSS for two years recently (2007-2009) and two terms as Chair earlier (1999-2000).

These experiences have given me a broad view of our campus community and how it interacts with other segments of State higher education. I believe firmly in the wisdom available to the campus through shared governance and am an advocate for staff participation at all levels of decision making. I look forward to working on the Campus Senate on the complex and challenging issues of the upcoming year.

### **Steven Petkas – Student Affairs, Department of Resident Life**

I am pleased and humbled to be nominated for the Executive Committee of the University Senate. I bring to the Senate 25 years of experience and service in the Department of Resident Life at the University of Maryland amidst a 33 year career in professional service at four major Universities. I wholeheartedly believe in the value of shared governance in an intellectual community and fervently wish to further the continuing ascendance of this fine institution.

My professional experiences are manifold and include senior department management, policy formulation, program and staff administration, staff development and training, course curriculum design, student teaching and training, and student behavior management. In recent years I have contributed to several Standing Committees in the University Senate as they have deliberated on issues such as student rights, student behavior, and policies addressing alcohol and illegal drugs.

Amidst accomplishments that have been the direct results of my individual efforts are the reconstitution of the student Residence Halls Association (RHA) and the creation and establishment of the Common Ground Multicultural Dialogue Program. I serve as the senior advisor to RHA where I foster deliberation on shared management and governance decisions between student leaders and senior administrators in the Division of Student Affairs. Common Ground brings diverse groups of students together to engage in dialogue on provocative and potentially divisive multicultural issues. Central to both of these programs are sound deliberation, collaboration, and dialogue, all of which are crucial to shared governance within a University.

I am thrilled at the prospect of serving as a member of the Senate Executive Committee and the opportunity to contribute my skills and experience to caring, collaborative leadership within the University Senate. My candidacy is dedicated to the furtherance of our collective achievements as an intellectual community and the quality of the education provided to students by the University of Maryland.

## **Non-Exempt Staff Senator Nominees**

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### **Denise Best – College of Arts and Humanities**

Hello my name is Denise Marie Best; I'm currently the Administrative Assistant II for STARTALK at the National Foreign Language Center, where I have worked since February 2008. My job duties include coordinating travel and reimbursement for the STARTALK 2008 and 2009 Summer Award Programs and coordinating STARTALK meetings. I have over 22 years experience at the University of Maryland working in both research divisions and educational units. While at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) headquarters I worked with the Commercial Programs, Code C, was the administrative assistant to the Director Dr. Isaac Gilliam, and held a Top Secret Security Clearance. While at the Science Management Corporation, I developed and trained staff on the use of databases for the Selective Service Agency, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Education, and many more agencies within the Federal Government Region 3 contracts.

I have a history with the University of Maryland's current and past leadership, as well as a deep respect for its faculty, staff, and especially its students. I am loyal, dedicated, and always interested in learning. I am comfortable with expressing the average staff's point of view, yet sensitive enough to realize that we are facing challenging times. When I enter campus I do not leave my common sense at the door. I like to think outside of the box for solutions. I consider no task beneath me and no challenge insurmountable. I consider myself a positive person and would be honored to serve on the Executive Committee.

### **Cliffonia Royals Howard – College of Arts and Humanities**

Cliffonia Royals-Howard is the Program Management Assistant for the Women's Studies program. I've been employed with the University, in the Women's Studies Department since 2004. I am currently attending University of Maryland University College, and hope to graduate with the bachelor's degree in Psychology within the next year or so. I am responsible for managing the graduate program admissions and student review process, as well as providing administrative and clerical support to our faculty members and graduate students. Working with the Women's Studies Department has really been a motivating force in my life to stay uplifted and uplift someone else who needs it, which fuels my fire to continue in the cycle life.

I have over ten years experience working in the higher education environment, always as a staff person, sitting by watching decisions being made by committees and the administration. I decided to run for the Senate a couple of years ago, when I saw an email about the Senate needing volunteers to step up and take part in one of the most important bodies on university campuses. I became excited to think I would be able to join and actually listen to, vote, and decide on important policies and procedures needed at the University. I have served for about one year now and the experience has been great. I would consider it an honor to be selected to serve on the Executive Committee of the Senate. I believe I can offer a sound opinion that is representative of non-exempt employees here at the University. If elected, I will happily serve on the committee in whatever capacity needed.

### **Cynthia Shaw – Undergraduate Studies, Center for Teaching Excellence**

In my 13 years at Maryland, I have been an undergraduate returning student, a student worker, a contingent employee, a graduate student, and a teaching assistant. I am currently both a special advanced student still taking graduate classes, and an administrative assistant. These varying roles afford me a valuable prospective of the university and the potential to have an impact across many areas of campus.

I hold a B.A. in Psychology with extensive post-baccalaureate study. My educational interests are in brain behavior relationships and adult brain plasticity. However, I became interested in pedagogy as a graduate TA in psychology 100. I continue to TA for the department of Psychology. Teaching and my current position at CTE has peaked my interest in the effect the university has on its undergraduates and the quality of their academic experience. My service on the Senate has also shown me that the university environment for faculty, staff, and students are deeply intertwined, and that a successful undergraduate experience is dependent upon a quality environment for our faculty and staff.

Service to the University:

Pro Bono TA for PSYC 100 (2000-2007)

TA for PSYC 100, PSYC 221, PSYC 420 (2008-2009)

UGST Review committee (2008)

The Presidents Medal award committee (2009)

The Senate (2009-2011)

The Staff Affairs committee (2009)

The board of Regents awards committee (2008 & 2009)

Chair of the Staff Affairs committee (2009-2010)

The Senate Executive committee (2009-2010)

Thank you for any consideration.

## **Graduate Student Senator Nominees**

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### **Daniel Branscome – Robert H. Smith School of Business**

My name is Daniel Branscome and I would like to serve as the graduate representative to the Senate Executive Committee. I am currently a first year graduate student in the full time MBA program at Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business. In regards to my background, I grew up in Nashville, Tennessee and received my undergraduate education in History and Political Science from Vanderbilt University. In the five years prior to returning to school, I worked primarily as a strategy consultant, conducting due diligence projects for private equity and venture capital firms. I am fully committed to helping the University of Maryland succeed now and into the future - and it is for that reason that I would like to serve in this capacity. I believe my work background, coupled with my current coursework, makes me a strong candidate for this position. I ask you for your consideration and support. Thank you.

### **Erick Butzlaff – A. James Clark School of Engineering**

I am a first year graduate student and research assistant in the Department of Aerospace Engineering pursuing a Master of Science degree in aerodynamics and propulsion. I hold Bachelor of Science degrees from the Applied Math, Engineering, and Physics Program and the Department of Economics at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. For a short break from the rigors of university proper, I studied economics and finance at the American University in Cairo during my senior year. To fund college, I worked as a research assistant in applied math and biochemistry and interned at an environmental consulting firm. Upon graduating, I moved to the D.C. area to take a job as a patent examiner at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in Alexandria while applying to grad schools. As a member of the Maryland Parliamentary Debate Society, I have enjoyed some success this year on the East Coast circuit, and I volunteer occasionally as a project coordinator for Greater D.C. Cares.

At UW–Madison, I gained a good deal of experience in haggling with college administrators and building student coalitions to achieve policy goals at the university level. As the business director and executive board chair of a student-run science publication and outreach organization of about 40 staff members, I worked directly with the provost and other administrators to raise \$10,000 in funds and equipment and get permission to distribute magazine issues directly to most large science lectures on campus—tasks that required frequent lobbying of college deans and department chairs. I campaigned and won election to ASM (the UW–Madison student government), but declined the position and co-organized a highly publicized attempt at a coup instead when the sitting members of ASM committed a series of blunders that incited the campus (poor decisions that led to the misuse of segregated fees, and botching two consecutive attempts at holding online elections). The coalition that resulted went on to win election to a majority of ASM seats the following year, and I served as a policy advisor to the new slate.

I hope to serve on the SEC because I want to use my experience negotiating with administrators to ensure that proposals important to students make it through the faculty-dominated committee to the Senate, and my leadership history seems very relevant to what is required of those formulating and executing plans of action on behalf of the Senate.



### **Jill Jones – College of Education**

My name is Jill Jones, I graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a BS in management and concentration in organizational behavior. Currently, I am working on my masters in Higher Education Administration. As an undergraduate I had the opportunity to work with the university administration in these capacities: member of dean's search committee, a member of the student executive council, as a resident assistant, president of a student organization, and on the orientation executive board. I am confident in my listening, analytic, and organization skills, all of which seem important for this committee. I will prepare for each meeting to the best of my ability and am ready to put in the extra time. More broadly, I am motivated personally and professionally to make connections with my academic studies. The prospect of serving on the Senate Executive Committee is an exciting way to get involved in something I'm passionate about and provides a great way to bridge my course material to a practical setting. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Yakov Kronrod – College of Arts and Humanities**

It is critical that the graduate student body have a responsive, responsible, and experienced member on the SEC. The work of facilitating communication between the student body and the Senate body is the most important means of making sure that the Senate is considering the issues close to the minds and hearts of our campus community. Before coming to UMD, I have had tremendous experience forming a grass-roots non-profit, running an educational services company, and serving on the Alumni Board of Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Ma. These experiences, along with other general qualifications, put me in a good position to be able to navigate bureaucracy, be responsive to the people who are actually affected by the policies instituted, and work within the system to make sure that things get appropriate attention and scrutiny. I would welcome the opportunity to act in the role of SEC member and would promise to do my utmost to make this position count.

## **Undergraduate Student Senator Nominees**

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### **Emily Burke – College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

My name is Emily Burke and for the 2010-2011 academic year I will serve my second term as undergraduate BSOS Senator. I am currently a junior government and politics and history double major and terrorism studies minor. At the University, I am an active member of the campus community playing trumpet in the Mighty Sound of Maryland marching band, participating in Model United Nations, tutoring for the Academic Achievement Program and being involved in BSOS advocacy groups. I also have interned for the past four semesters in research facilities on campus and in federal agencies in DC.

I would like to serve on the SEC because of my previous experience in Senate, the Senate CORE Committee and activity with the Student Caucus. I am very interested taking my participation the Senate's Committees to the next level by becoming more involved in considering the proposals for Senate discussion and voting. My campus participation and previous experience in Senate make me want to further serve and act on the Senate's behalf for the 2010-2011 academic year.

### **Michael Casiano – College of Arts and Humanities**

I'm an English major & US Latino/a Studies minor interested in promoting diversity and spreading awareness of the Senate's activities to the general student body. I'm the president of a film club on campus and write for the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Since the position requires active community involvement with the general student population, I will create a sense of approachability via social networking sites (Facebook, Blogger, etc.). This will allow people to vocalize their concerns through an easy and familiar medium. I will make it my utmost priority to ensure that student voices are heard and respected by the Senate.

### **Lisa Crisalli – College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

As a returning BSOS Senator, I have dedicated the past year to learning the University Senate system through working on policy to improve the University of Maryland. I have dedicated hours to enhancing the community, through updating policies regarding study abroad eligibility, arbitrary and capricious grading, and the Good Samaritan Protocol, as well as taking stances to preserve the environment on campus and to streamline academic bureaucracy. This work has provided me with the insight necessary to build strong relationships between the student senators and administration.

Our student body is diverse and requires broad representation. My background in psychology, neuroscience, and environmental studies has equipped me with the knowledge necessary to relate to a wide variety of academic concerns. Over the past three years, my involvement in the Student Government Association, Provost's Student Advisory Council, Dean's Student Advisory Council, and University Senate has provided me insight into many procedures used by the University administration. Through organization of the student caucus, as well as additional outreach, I will bridge the gap between the students and administration, powerfully representing our University in the Senate Executive Committee.

### **Joshua Dowling – College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

Hey team! My name is Joshua Dowling. I am one of four undergraduate BSOS Senators, and I'm asking to be allowed to represent the Undergraduate delegation on the Senate Executive committee. I'm a rising sophomore with junior standing, pursuing double majors in Government and Politics and History as well as dual certificates in Women's Studies and LGBT Studies. I have a delightfully strange penchant for staying informed with regards to the news and read the Washington Post, the New York Times, BBC and Le Monde on a regular basis.

I have a great deal of both job and volunteer experience which will help me to work in a congenial yet unrelenting manner. I would love to serve on the SEC to help convey and clarify the opinions of our undergraduate bloc. In conjunction with my other undergraduate partner on the SEC, I will work with the graduate student senator to ensure that the voice of the students is not silenced or ignored.

### **Eric Rosenberg – College of Computer, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences**

My name is Eric Rosenberg and I am a freshman computer science major. I am extremely excited about my election as the Senate representative of the College of Computer, Math, and Physical Science and I will do my best to represent the views and ideas of my CMPS constituents.

During the spring semester I served on the Terp Service Weekend Planning Board as the head of the financial committee and as a service site leader. Through this experience, I learned valuable skills in communication, leadership, and teamwork, and gained a heightened sense of community awareness. I have developed a desire to improve my community, and with the valuable skills I have acquired through my work with Terp Service Weekend, serving on the Senate Executive Committee will allow me to do just that.

While I do not feel that CMPS is an under-represented college in the University Senate, the fact that we have only one undergraduate representative when other colleges have up to four can effectively weaken the voice of the CMPS undergraduate community. My goal as a senator is to represent my constituents, and having a position on the Senate Executive Committee will be a great step towards accomplishing that goal.

### **Varysa Williams – Letters and Sciences**

To further the experience I will gain from serving as a member of the University of Maryland Senate, I would like to be a part of the Senate Executive Committee. I understand that the responsibility of this committee is to report and

initiate actions of the Senate, and serve as a tool for the University community to communicate with the Senate. Upon reading the description of the Senate Executive Committee I immediately knew that this was the position I wanted to be considered for. It is a goal of mine to be as open minded as I can be, especially when considering the opinions of others. I believe that being a part of this committee will help me ensure that the voices of the campus community are not only heard, but taken into account when establishing possible policies.

As a rising sophomore and prospective Hearing and Speech Sciences major, I believe that communication is the key to a successful, organized committee. Never will I hesitate to meet as often as necessary to be sure that the Senate fulfills its job of correctly advising the President to make policies that would benefit the University of Maryland community. Moreover, I am very outgoing and it is my passion to be as positively involved as possible at the University. If elected into the Senate Executive committee, I will make it my personal goal to complete all tasks with the best interest of the President, Senate, and campus community in mind. Thank you.

### **Ian Winchester – College of Chemical and Life Sciences**

My name is Ian Winchester, and I am an undergraduate CLFS University Senator. I am a sophomore environmental science and policy and economics double major. I hope I can earn your support to represent you on the Senate Executive Committee.

I have participated in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), UMCP Chapter, as Fundraising Chair and Treasurer. I have served the Student Government Association for two years as a legislator, and, this year, I served as Student Affairs Committee Chair, which discusses and votes on a myriad of issues. Consequently, I have written, relayed, and reviewed many SGA committee reports and have examined the University Senate committee reports as they pertain to the student body.

I am also in the process of formulating a Student Campus Policy Committee, which will include leaders of all the major campus governance, cultural, and activist organizations, as well as student members of the University Senate to meet regularly to discuss all aspects of University policy. I want to help unite the student voice and represent it not just through governing bodies like the University Senate and the SGA, but through the cultural leaders that encompass our diverse University, and through the activists that constantly and innovatively question the University's status quo. Having a Student Campus Policy Committee will help educate a new generation of student leaders and serve as a direct channel through which the members of the campus community may introduce matters for consideration by the Senate or its committees.

### **Kaiyi Xie – A. James Clark School of Engineering**

I am currently a sophomore seeking double degrees in bioengineering and math, elected to represent the Clark School of Engineering. As a result of the diversity of my experiences, I believe I have the prerequisite experience to passionately represent all undergraduates on the Senate Executive Committee and work with the many other constituencies of the University of Maryland.

I am honored to serve as the undergraduate representative on the Presidential Search and Selection Committee to help find President Mote's replacement. In this role, I can certainly appreciate the power of shared governance as well as the role of the president, who is after all the Senate's primary "audience." I also understand the intricacies of the presidency in addition to the vision that our next president will have for the university on a very personal and unique level. In this capacity, I have met with and listened to various constituencies such as students, parents, faculty, alumni, College Park residents and city councilors. We have discussed the direction that they want to see the University move, the problems that we expect to face along the way, and how we work together to surmount them. Furthermore, in my position as SGA Director of Student Groups, I work with student leaders of more than 400 student groups as well as their group memberships, which has given me access to their viewpoints and concerns on a variety of problems that encompass more than just academic issues.

## **Candidacy Statements for the Committee on Committees 2010-2011 Elections**

### **Faculty Senator Nominees**

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#### **Dawn Gavin – College of Arts and Humanities**

*No candidacy statement submitted*

#### **Timothy Hackman – Libraries**

Timothy Hackman has been a librarian at the University of Maryland since 2002, and holds Master's degrees in both Library Science and English Language and Literature from the University. Since 2006 he has been the subject librarian for English and Linguistics at McKeldin Library, where he provides reference, instruction and collection development services for these departments.

Tim has served on the Committee on Committees since 2008 and would welcome the chance to continue working with this group. He also currently serves on the Student Affairs Committee and on numerous groups within the Libraries, including the Staff Affairs Committee and as Liaison Coordinator. He has won several awards for his work with the Libraries' Diversity Team, including the John W. King Staff Award from the President's Commission on Disability Issues and the Advocate for Equity award from the Office of LGBT Equity. He is a co-organizer of "Speaking of Books...Conversations with Campus Authors," a speaker series featuring UM faculty authors.

#### **Robert Schwab – College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

Robert M. Schwab joined the University of Maryland's Department of Economics after receiving his Ph.D. in economics from Johns Hopkins University in 1980. He served as the Department's director of graduate studies from 1991-2004 and its associate chair from 1997-2004. He was the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences associate dean from 2004-2009 and was the College's interim dean from March 2009 until August 2009. He recently agreed to a new three-year term as associate chair.

Bob's primary field of research is public economics with an emphasis on state and local government. He has co-authored papers with other Maryland faculty on education, teenage pregnancy, environmental federalism, land taxation, tax amnesties, public capital, and life cycle tax incidence. His current research focuses on education finance reform and the market for teachers.

#### **Miao Yu – A. James Clark School of Engineering**

Miao Yu received her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland in 2002 and her B.S. and M.S. degrees in Engineering Mechanics from Tsinghua University, Beijing, China. She joined the Department of Mechanical Engineering as an Assistant Professor in Spring 2005. Before joining the ME department as a faculty, she worked as a research associate at the Intelligent Optics Laboratory of the Institute for Systems Research. She is currently the director of the Sensors and Actuators Laboratory, where her group carries out research in optical sensors, sensor mechanics and material behavior at multiple spatial scales, micro-scale and nano-scale sensor systems, sensor networks, adaptive optics, wavefront sensing and control, and smart materials and structures.

Prof. Yu has co-authored 2 book chapters, 20 archival journal articles, and more than 40 conference proceedings. She also holds three US Patents and many University of Maryland invention disclosures in the area of optical sensor systems. The different awards that she has received include NSF CAREER Award (2007), AFOSR Young Investigator Award (2007), Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement award (2006) from Oak Ridge University Associations, and the Invention of the Year Award (2002) from the University of Maryland.

I would like to serve on the Senate Committee on Committees for several reasons. First, I would love to serve on a committee that can help address people's interest to serve on committees. Second, as a junior faculty member, I would like to get to know more people from different parts of the campus. This committee's primary responsibility is to identify individuals for serve on the Senate standing committees and to recommend committee membership. I would have an opportunity to get to know not only the committee members but also the volunteers from this large, diversified campus. Third, as a new member of the senate, severing on the committee can help me quickly learn the missions of different committees and identify other committees that I would be interested in serving in the future. This way, I can be actively engaged as a senator.

## **Non-Exempt Staff Senator Nominees**

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### **Denise Best – College of Arts and Humanities**

Hello my name is Denise Marie Best; I'm currently the Administrative Assistant II for STARTALK at the National Foreign Language Center, where I have worked since February 2008. My job duties include coordinating travel and reimbursement for the STARTALK 2008 and 2009 Summer Award Programs and coordinating STARTALK meetings. I have over 22 years experience at the University of Maryland working in both research divisions and educational units. While at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) headquarters I worked with the Commercial Programs, Code C, was the administrative assistant to the Director Dr. Isaac Gilliam, and held a Top Secret Security Clearance. While at the Science Management Corporation, I developed and trained staff on the use of databases for the Selective Service Agency, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Education, and many more agencies within the Federal Government Region 3 contracts.

I have a history with the University of Maryland's current and past leadership, as well as a deep respect for its faculty, staff, and especially its students. I am loyal, dedicated, and always interested in learning. I am comfortable with expressing the average staff's point of view, yet sensitive enough to realize that we are facing challenging times. When I enter campus I do not leave my common sense at the door. I like to think outside of the box for solutions. I consider no task beneath me and no challenge insurmountable. I consider myself a positive person and would be honored to serve on the Committee on Committees.

## **Graduate Student Senator Nominees**

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### **Patricia Joseph – College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

As a first year doctoral student in CCJS and recently elected BSOS Graduate Senator, I wish to nominate myself for a position on the Senate Committee on Committees. As a past organizer of my departmental flag football and basketball teams, I understand the difficulty of getting students to volunteer even for sports activities! With my past work on the University Student Judiciary and year as a BSOS Senator, I understand the importance of participating in campus life. It is my intention to assist the Senate in any way possible to reach out to the campus body in finding diverse voices to represent the UMD community.

## **Undergraduate Student Senator Nominees**

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### **David Rothenberg – College of Arts and Humanities**

The Senate Committee on Committees is a standing committee that plays an influential part in the Senate. I am a Jewish Studies Major and Rhetoric Minor who is interested in pursuing a future in law. I have served in many organizations that have benefited my high school such as Habitat for Humanity, the National Honor Society, and the Recycling Club. As an elected senator, I would also want to decide which individuals will serve the Senate best

and the Senate Committee on Committees performs this function as well as looks for ways to improve the structure of differing governmental systems. Because of the importance of this committee, I would like to serve in it.

## **Candidacy Statements for the Athletic Council 2010-2011 Election**

### **Faculty Nominees**

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#### **Elaine Anderson – School of Public Health**

I have been at the University since 1981 and currently am a Professor and Chair of the Department of Family Science. My area of research focuses on the impact of social and health policies on the well-being of children and families. I am Co-Director of the Maryland Family Policy Impact Seminar, a policy network within the state of Maryland that coordinates information regarding family research initiatives in the state. The project conducts seminars for legislators, staff and executive agency employees, with the goal to translate research for decision makers and inform the development of relevant family and health policy. I have authored more than 100 publications and use my research to inform state and federal legislators about how best to modify programmatic and policy initiatives on behalf of children and families. I annually serve on at least two journal editorial boards and am an elected Fellow and currently the President-Elect of the National Council on Family Relations, the major professional association for many family scientists.

I have been honored by my College at the University with each of the outstanding research, teaching, advising and mentoring awards. I have been involved in my own department in the capacity of Chair of our Undergraduate and Graduate Programs and our Honors Program. I have also served on the Student Awards Committee. In my College I have been a member of the Undergraduate Policy; Advising; Education Policies; and Student Scholarship Committees. For the University I have served in numerous capacities including the Graduate Council, Planning Committee for the Center for Teaching Excellence, Advisory Committee for a College Park Scholars Program, Provost's MIC Undergraduate Core Revision Committee, and Instructor in the Federal Semester Program to name a few. Last, I am familiar with the challenges faced by student/athletes not only through the many undergraduate students I have mentored in the past 30 years, but also through my own family experiences. I have children who collegiately have been on club as well as NCAA level sports teams. I also have a son who is a NCAA coach and so I personally can appreciate the perspectives of students, coaches and administrators.

#### **Ellen Fabian – College of Education**

Ellen Fabian, Associate Professor, Department of Counseling & Personnel Services.

My research and teaching background includes undergraduate and graduate education related to counseling research and human development, disability and diversity, and social justice. Within these areas, I have developed and managed collaborative research, training, and intervention programs dealing with youth and adults, including several major federal grants, as well as collaborative research and training grants with other university and with community partners. As a faculty member for over ten years, I have advised and mentored graduate and undergraduate students, and provided significant service to the University community. For example, I served as a Gemstone mentor from 2000 to 2003, was a faculty member in the "Advise 5" program, and served on the University undergraduate Honor Board. I have also been a member of the UMD Institutional Review Board for several years, and a member of the College of Education faculty senate. I have served on two University Senate Committees during the 2009-2010 year. Prior to becoming a UMD faculty member, I was an undergraduate advisor in BSOS for several years and taught for several summers in one of the UMD Undergraduate Summer Preparation programs. I believe I can make a contribution to the Athletic Council through my background in promoting health and community integration for youth and adults confronting challenging life experiences, as well as through my experience and expertise in issues related to social responsibility and ethics. On a personal level, I have a strong interest in promoting UMD athletic events, have attended many over the years, and have a special commitment to women's athletics and sports.

### **Irwin Forseth – College of Chemical and Life Sciences**

I came to the University of Maryland in 1982 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Botany. Currently, I am an Associate Professor in the Department of Biology where I teach Introductory Biology and upper level Ecology courses. I maintain an active research program in plant ecology, training both graduate and undergraduate students in this field. Most recently, I completed a three year rotation as a Program Director at the National Science Foundation in the Division of Integrative Organismal Systems.

I have been interested in intercollegiate athletics all my life and played varsity football and track and field on a small college level during my undergraduate days at Hamline University in Minnesota. I earned Division III All-American honors in track and field and was elected to the Hamline University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001. However, I started college at the University of Minnesota on a football scholarship before transferring to Hamline after my freshman year. Because of my experiences, I have an appreciation for the challenges faced by student-athletes at the Division I level. The act of balancing academics with the demands of training and practice is extremely challenging and I have a lot of respect for those students who can do this successfully.

I am interested in serving on the Athletic Council to help the University develop and maintain excellence in its efforts to promote the academic and social development of student athletes, while maintaining a prominent intercollegiate athletic profile.

### **Bruce Jacob – A. James Clark School of Engineering**

Thank you for nominating me for a faculty position on the Athletic Council. I am quite happy to accept the nomination. As a former NCAA athlete myself (placekicker on my college football team 1984, 85, 86, starter 87), I am well aware of the issues facing student athletes. As a professor and researcher, a Terrapin Club member, and a season ticket holder for nearly ten years, I am keenly interested in the success of Maryland's academic programs and athletic programs alike.

My background:

Bruce Jacob is a Keystone Professor and Director of the Computer Engineering program in the Electrical & Computer Engineering Department. He is recognized as the world's leading expert in computer memory systems, and he currently designs memory systems for industry and the Department of Energy's next-generation supercomputers. He has been decorated three times as a Clark School "Rainmaker" for his research program at Maryland. He has written two books on computer memories and over fifty articles on memory systems, computer design, embedded systems, operating system design, astrophysics, and algorithmic composition. He holds a patent in memory-systems design and has several patents pending in electric guitar design. He recently founded Coil Guitars, a startup company that designs guitars and manufactures innovative circuits for electric guitars and audio systems. Jacob's educational background includes an A.B. in Mathematics from Harvard College (1988) and a Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering from the University of Michigan (1997).

Between college and graduate school he worked in the start-up industry in Boston for two different telecommunications companies, serving as a software engineer at Boston Technology and the chief engineer and system architect at Priority Call Management.

### **Elise Miller-Hooks – A. James Clark School of Engineering**

I am an associate professor in the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering and an affiliated faculty member with the Engineering and Public Policy program. Prior to 2003, I was on the faculty at Penn State University. My expertise is in optimization and mathematical modeling of transportation systems, dynamic and stochastic network algorithms, disaster preparedness and response, infrastructure vulnerability and protection, and collaborative and multi-objective decision-making. I have served as PI on grants with funding of nearly \$4 million from the National Science Foundation (NSF), European Commission, U.S. Department of Transportation,



United Technologies Corp., U.S. Army through the Protective Technology Center, National Institute of Statistical Sciences, Sloan Foundation, and various state agencies, and additionally significantly contributed as co-PI to a successful multi-million dollar proposal for our University Transportation Center (UTC). I received a NSF CAREER award, 1<sup>st</sup> Young Distinguished Alumni Award from UT Austin, Charley Wootan Award for Best Ph.D. Dissertation from the Council of UTCs, and several other national awards related to my research. My commitment to my department, college, university and the larger research community is demonstrated by my service to my universities and professional organizations. I have served the University of Maryland extensively since my arrival in 2003 in a myriad of capacities, ranging from staffing my department's booth on Maryland Day to serving as University Senate Chair. Additionally, I have given significant time and effort to serve in my professional organizations, holding elected and appointed positions of President, Secretary, Chair, and Council Member of various councils, sections and societies. I am Associate Editor of *Transportation Science* and on the editorial board of the *Journal of Intelligent Transportation Systems*.

### **Robin Sawyer – School of Public Health**

Robin G. Sawyer is an Associate Professor and Associate Chair of the Department of Public & Community Health, and has been with the university since 1984. Dr. Sawyer's research interests have focused on late adolescent sexual behavior, particularly contraceptive compliance, sexually transmitted disease prevention, and sexual assault. His most current projects examine sexual assault and date rape among intercollegiate athletics in the U.S. Dr. Sawyer is a consultant for the NCAA and has been an invited speaker on over 350 college campuses. Dr. Sawyer was a college athlete playing soccer in both England and the US, and he has continued coaching in youth soccer for the past twenty years. Dr. Sawyer previously served on the Athletic Council as vice-chairperson.

This personal experience and passion for sport in addition to a strong commitment to maintaining integrity in college athletics are major reasons for seeking this nomination.

### **Anne Turkos – Libraries**

Anne S. K. Turkos is the University Archivist for the University of Maryland. Ms. Turkos works with College Park campus departments and units, student groups, and alumni to identify, transfer, preserve, and make available all permanent university records in a variety of formats, including paper documents, publications, photographs, film and videotape, and realia. These materials form the core of the university's heritage and memory and are heavily consulted by a wide variety of researchers who come from the campus community, the state of Maryland, across the United States, and around the world.

Ms. Turkos received a B.A. in English from Dickinson College in 1977. She completed her graduate studies at Case Western Reserve University, receiving master's degrees in history and library science in 1980. Before coming to the University of Maryland in 1985, Ms. Turkos spent four years as a field archivist at the Baltimore City Archives and Records Center.

Records of UM athletics, from the first baseball team in 1888 to the present day, form a major portion of the Archives' holdings, and Ms. Turkos and her staff annually spend a very significant amount of time working with these materials. Over her 25 years on campus, Ms. Turkos has been a close observer of the operation of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. She feels her historical perspective as well as her knowledge of present-day concerns and issues the department faces would be valuable contributions to the work of the Athletic Council.

# Candidacy Statements for the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF) 2010-2011 Election

## **Faculty Alternate Nominees**

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### **Radu Balan – College of Computer, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences**

Radu Balan holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Politechnique Institute of Bucharest and a M.S. in Physics from University of Bucharest. He obtained his PhD in Applied Mathematics from Princeton University (1998). After working for 8 years in industry at Siemens Corporate Research, he joined University of Maryland in 2007 as a tenured Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics on a joint position with the Center for Scientific Computation and Mathematical Modeling (both units of CMPS). His research interests include: applicable mathematics, signal processing, communication theory, machine learning. He has been a Senate member since 2008 and is currently serving in the Election, Representation and Governance Committee. As a CUSF member he plans to use his industrial experience in helping new initiatives within our university.

# Candidacy Statements for the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) 2010-2011 Election

## Faculty Nominees

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### Charles Wellford – College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

I have been a member of the faculty since 1981 in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. I was chair of the Department from 1981-1995 and 1999-2004. I have served as interim Dean of Graduate Studies and Research and acting Dean for Continuing and Extended Education as well as Director of UMCAPS, OACS, and OIEP. I have served on and chaired numerous Senate committees and in 1994 was elected Chair of the Senate. That same year I was elected President of the American Society of Criminology and the following year a Fellow of that organization. I chaired a standing committee of the National Research Council for six years and have chaired three study committees for the NRC. Currently, I am chair of the campus Athletic Council. I have always tried to serve the Senate and the campus when asked and would be pleased to serve on the Transportation Advisory Committee.

## Staff Nominees

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### Wallace Hart – Facilities Management

I have been a Senator on the Board of the University Senate and an active member of the Board since 2009. I currently serve on the Elections Representation and Governance Committee (ERG).

I have been employed with the University of Maryland for past eight years as an Equipment Operator III and I have working knowledge of safety operations as well as proficient knowledge of applicable federal, state and department regulations. In one of my previous positions as a Transportation Operations Specialist with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) some of my responsibilities were to ensure appropriate safety measures in accordance with VDOT policies and procedures.

I am involved in the daily operations of some of the aspects of the University of Maryland through my current position and I believe that this knowledge as well as the knowledge I have obtained through my previous positions will make me an asset as a member of the Transportation Committee.

### Gordon Oliver – Transportation Services

My current position is the D.O.T.S. Maintenance Supervisor. Some of my experience that could be useful for CTAC includes planning and installation of the new Luke pay station system. Also parking lot stripping and number assignments along with all lot signage. I manage all access gate operations and five garages. We have 150 meter locations and over 20,000 parking stalls.

I have many interests from Chess, boating and billiards to design and construction of my home. I served in the Army and have traveled across the United States and abroad.

I would like to serve with CTAC because I enjoy being part of our growing University that I am so fond and appreciative of.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

## **Undergraduate Student Senator Nominees**

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### **Matthew Cooper – Letters and Sciences**

I am Matthew Cooper and I am interested in being part of the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). As for my major I am currently undecided, but I plan on declaring myself a major in Classical Studies. I truly enjoy learning about the Classical cultures, but most of all I love learning about Greek Mythology. I am learning the Ancient Greek language at the moment, which is interesting, challenging, and most of all it is rewarding. I will also be declaring a Minor in Astronomy because I love to learn about the spectacular phenomena beyond our atmosphere. One of my greatest interests is in Tennis. I have played this sport most of my life, and I was even ranked top 100 in the country as a junior. Not only that, but I lived in Barcelona for a year to further my training. As for experience that pertains to being part of CTAC, I am a student ambassador. As a student ambassador I am required to speak in front of hundreds of prospective students and essentially explain to them why Maryland is the place to be. I think public speaking and persuasion is a strong and useful skill when it comes to the numerous discussions and debates held for the CTAC. Lastly, my main interest in CTAC is because topics such as fees, metered parking, and parking in general are popular among this school's community. I have heard the voices of my peers and I figured what is a better chance to get their comments heard than to be part of the CTAC.

### **Brian Galloway – School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation**

Being a member of the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee interests me for several reasons. Transportation issues are often issues that are met unfavorably by students, visitors, and faculty alike. I feel that more transparency needs to be brought to the area so that people better know how the system works, something that I would enjoy working on. Doing so would result in a better environment for the community as a whole concerning transportation.

I also have knowledge on the subject area. URSP 100, a class taught by William Hanna, focused extensively on transportation issues. In this course which I took last fall, I learned a lot about issues pertaining to public transportation, including how to increase ridership. The class also focused on local issues very pertinent to the University of Maryland community, such as the Purple Line. It is my knowledge and personal interest on the subject matter that I feel makes me a great candidate for the undergraduate seat on the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee.

### **Mehdi Naqvi – College of Agriculture and Natural Resources**

My name is Mehdi Naqvi and I am the undergraduate student senator for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. I am a Nutritional Science major in my third year here at the University of Maryland, College park. After graduating I plan on going to law school. As a senator-elect for AGNR I nominate myself to serve on the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee and consider myself a very fitting candidate for the position.

Although I have had an overall wonderful experience in my three years here at the University of Maryland, many of my grievances with the university and its policies have been in the area of campus transportation and parking. Having been a commuter for three years, I have had my fair share of encounters with parking violations and outrageous fines. After seeking the general consensus on this issue from fellow commuters and my constituents, I have found that the current policies are grossly excessive and at times unclear. As a mere student at the university, often times I would find myself disgruntled and frustrated when it came to parking violations. However, as a senator-elect, I now have the opportunity to influence changes in the very policies that leave many students

unhappy everyday. Having a personal stake in this area of university policy and being a long-term commuter make me an excellent candidate for the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee.

### **Bradley Nolet – College of Chemical and Life Sciences**

My name is Bradley Nolet. I am a microbiology major, with a minor in leadership. Now for many people this alone may describe who they are, but it just describes one facet of my life. I am involved with many service organizations, and actively enjoy going to DC as much as I can. I also like to keep an open dialog of communication, and have no problem sharing my email with people that want to discuss something (bradnolet@gmail.com), an aspect that I think will be helpful in the senate due to our status as undergraduates placing us in the under-represented minority.

In terms of this nomination, my background as a undergrad student that resided on North Campus for two and a half years coupled with my current residency in Commons has enabled me to take full advantage of the DOTS transportation system here on campus. Through the years I have learned many tricks to using the Campus transportation system, and have come up with some creative amendments that I feel should be adopted. I have also seen many changes to the system, including the modifying of the nightly routes and the cessation of the route 1 corridor route. Some changes I think were for the better, and others for the worse. I will apply my insight gained from utilizing this system to better it. It is my goal to help strengthen this system on campus, so that future students may have the opportunities that I have enjoyed plus some added benefits I have longed for! Although the committee only seats one undergraduate senator, I will make it a priority to keep you all updated and make sure that all 24 of our voices are heard. Thanks and I look forward to meeting every one of you.