

Slate of Candidates for the 2010-2011 Chair-Elect

Submitted by the Senate Nominations Committee

Chair-Elect Nominees (One will be Elected)

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

Candidacy Statements for the Chair-Elect 2010-2011 Election

Char-Elect Nominees

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.

I joined the University of Maryland in 2000 after spending 25 years as a research scientist in a not-for-profit research institute. I study the impacts of climate change and fire on boreal forests using field-based research in Alaska and analysis of satellite imagery. This research has been funded through grants from NASA, NSF, and the USFS. Four of my PhD students have received fellowships from NASA. I also serve on the Science Steering Group of the U.S. Carbon Cycle Science Program, a key element of the U.S. Global Climate Change Research Program.

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

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Chair-Elect and Student Additions

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

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

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

Graduate Student Senator Nominees

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

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

Graduate Student Senator Nominees

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

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.

Slate of Candidates for the 2010-2011 Senate-Elected Councils and Committees

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Student Additions

Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Slate 2010-2011

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 Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) 2010-2011 Election

Undergraduate Student Senator Nominees

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.