

Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Special Election – Faculty Candidacy Statements

Michelle Espino – Assistant Professor, Department of Counseling, Higher Education, and Special Education, College of Education

Michelle M. Espino is an assistant professor in the Counseling, Higher Education, and Special Education Department in the College of Education. Her research interests focus on understanding community contexts and institutional arrangements associated with educational achievement and outcomes along the P-20 pipeline for racial/ethnic minorities, particularly Latina/o students.

By serving on the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee, Dr. Espino will have the opportunity to learn about and advocate for the transportation needs of students, faculty, and staff; as well as evaluate and enhance equitable policies and procedures regarding transportation at UMD.

David Lovell – Associate Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, A. James Clark School of Engineering

I am an associate professor with a joint appointment in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and the Institute for Systems Research. My expertise is primarily in the area of transportation, primarily surface transportation, vehicle technology, and aviation.

I have done some research and professional work loosely related to the scope of the committee, and I teach some similar material in my lectures. This would include parking lot design, design and simulation of transit routes (including bus). I mention these things not because I think they would bear directly on the committee's work, but rather just to indicate that I am somewhat conversant in the issues. Based on that, I think I could contribute positively to the committee's work. Like any member of the campus committee, I am concerned that we have fair and equitable parking policies, as well as policies that encourage efficient use of our transportation resources, to include robust mass transportation options.

Charles Towe – Assistant Professor, Departmental of Agricultural and Resource Economics, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

My name is Charles Towe and I am an assistant professor of environmental economics in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics. I have been commuting to this campus first as a student then as a faculty member and have utilized every mode of transportation to do so including driving, campus bus, metro, and cycling. I would be delighted to have the opportunity to serve on the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee.