



## University Senate TRANSMITTAL FORM

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<b>Date of Senate Review:</b>	May 7, 2014
<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 2014-2015 Chair-Elect, the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), and the Committee on Committees, as well as the Senate-elected memberships of the University 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 7, 2014 Transition Meeting of the University Senate.
<b>Committee Work:</b>	<p>Because the December 10, 2013 Senate meeting was canceled due to inclement weather, the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) approved the creation of the 2013-2014 Senate Nominations Committee on December 11, 2013. The results of the SEC vote of approval were noted at the February 5, 2014 Senate meeting, with an opportunity to vacate the decision.</p> <p>The Nominations Committee began recruitment efforts in January 2014. The Committee sent announcements for the open candidacy period to all continuing and incoming Faculty, Staff, and Student Senators.</p> <p>The Nominations Committee met on four separate occasions to discuss nominees and recruitment efforts: February 3, 2014, February 21, 2014, March 10, 2014, and April 2, 2014.</p>

	<p>Members of the Nominations 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. The Nominations Committee endeavored to create balanced slates with representation from across campus.</p> <p>The Nominations Committee voted in favor of approving the attached slate on April 8, 2014. In conjunction with the Senate Office and Chair-Elect of the Senate, the Chair of the Nominations Committee will secure any remaining candidacy statements from nominees prior to the election at the Senate Transition Meeting on May 7, 2014.</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>	Senate Election, President Approval

## **Slate of Candidates for the 2014-2015 Chair-Elect**

Submitted by the Senate Nominations Committee

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

- Willie Brown                      Exempt Staff                                      Division of Information Technology
- Devin Ellis                              Non-Tenure Track Research Faculty                      College of Behavioral & Social Sciences

# Slate of Candidates for the Senate Executive Committee, 2014-2015 Election

Submitted by the Senate Nominations Committee

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

- James Alexander Emeritus Faculty Representative
- Christopher Davis A. James Clark School of Engineering
- Charles Delwiche College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences
- Devin Ellis Non-Tenure Track Research Faculty Representative
- Andrew Harris College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences
- Steven Hurtt School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation
- Marilee Lindemann College of Arts and Humanities
- James Lynch College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Missy Meharg Athletic Head Coaches Representative
- Kasey Moyes College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- KerryAnn O'Meara College of Education
- Terry Owen University Libraries
- Nadine Sahyoun College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Karol Soltan College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Ruth Enid Zambrana College of Arts and Humanities

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

- James Bond Division of Student Affairs
- Willie Brown Division of Information Technology
- Carolyn Trimble Division of Administration and Finance

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

- Alan Holmes Division of Student Affairs
- Kristin A. Stenson Division of Administration and Finance

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

- Sagar Guwalani Robert H. Smith School of Business
- Gilbert Nuñez College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Mark Rivera College of Education

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

- Ryan Belcher College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Anu Challa A. James Clark School of Engineering
- Khalil Pettus Robert H. Smith School of Business
- Taeler Wilson College of Arts and Humanities

**Slate of Candidates for the Committee on Committees, 2014-2015 Election**  
Submitted by the Senate Nominations Committee

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

- Steven Brauth                      College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Bryan Eichhorn                    College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences
- Jessica Enoch                      College of Arts and Humanities
- Ethan Kaplan                      College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

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

- Audrey Stewart                    Division of Administration and Finance

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

- Michelle Blair                      Part-Time Graduate Student Representative

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

- Adip Bhargav                      College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences
- Iowis Zhu                            College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences



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

- Amna Farooqi                      College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Yasir Khattak                      Robert H. Smith School of Business
- Huy Hoang Vu                      College of Letters and Sciences
- Barret Wessel                      College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

# Candidacy Statements for the Chair-Elect 2014-2015 Election

## Chair-Elect Nominees

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### **Willie Brown – Director of Office Automation, Division of Information Technology**

During the majority of my 21-year career at the University of Maryland, I have been an active participant in the Shared Governance Process at both the University level and at the University System of Maryland level. Highlights of the experience that I will bring to the Senate Chair-Elect position include serving on or chairing the Campus Affairs Committee (current Chair), the Staff Affairs Committee (past Chair), the Council of University System Staff (past Chair), the President's Commission on Ethnic Minority Issues, the President's Commission on Disabilities Issues, and the Senate Executive Committee.

I bring a wealth of insightfulness derived from participation on committees that have tackled or are tackling issues that affect faculty, staff, and students such as the medical forgiveness policy, campus safety and security, non-exempt staff issues, prayer at commencement, institutional based domestic partner benefits for same sex partners, the policy on medical marijuana, and the academic freedom resolution. I have served on committees such as the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC), the Athletics Council, the Nominations Committee, the ad-hoc committee on the site selection process, and the University System of Maryland Chancellor's Council. I have served on successful search committees for campus-wide positions such as Title IX Investigator, Chief Information Officer, and Vice President for Administrative Affairs.

At the system level, it was during my leadership that the Council of University System Faculty, Council of University System Staff, and the University System of Maryland Student Council began coming together for annual meetings. As Chair I presented not only staff issues at the Board of Regents monthly meetings but also collaborated with the faculty and student councils on shared issues and met with state legislators in Annapolis. Additionally, I have worked diligently to address staff benefits, salary compensation, and other staff considerations at the system level.

My experience as a staff member at the University started as a programmer trainee. During my career I have advanced to such leadership positions in the Division of IT as Director of User Services, Interim Executive Director of Networking and Telecommunications, Director of Policy and Planning, and currently the Director of Office Automation.

The breadth and depth of my experience in Shared Governance for campus-wide issues and most importantly my passionate involvement with matters pertaining to the faculty, staff, and students of our University and the University System of Maryland will allow me to make balanced, well informed contributions to our University Senate as Chair-Elect.

Shared Governance is a major component of the success of this great institution and I have spent my career serving as a contributing successful participant in the Shared Governance Process. There are still challenging times ahead and steady leadership is mandated. I would be deeply honored to serve as the Chair-Elect for the University Senate and humbly ask for your affirmative vote.

### **Devin Ellis – Faculty Research Assistant, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

It is a distinct honor to be nominated for the position of Chair Elect of the University Senate. In the years that I have been at the University of Maryland, first as a student, then a research faculty member, I have always made an effort to give back through participation shared governance. The Senate is one of the most important venues



through which we have an opportunity to collaborate with the administration in shaping the direction of the institution. To take on such a key leadership role after over a decade of service would be an enormous and exciting privilege for me.

Now is a time of critical change and growth, not only at our university, but throughout public higher education. We must tackle the reality of a funding model which will likely never return to the golden days of strong and consistent state support; ever evolving plans to reshape the physical landscape around the campus to create a more sustainable community for all; the ongoing struggle to close the achievement gap among students; changes in the face of the academe – not the least of which is our ongoing attempt to come to terms with the fact that two thirds of the faculty at the university are not on the tenure track, and what that means for the institution. We in the Senate have a chance to make meaningful contributions on all these fronts, to be a voice of wisdom and critical thinking, a voice for all the constituencies throughout the university. Shared governance at junctures like this is sometimes divisive, and never easy, but it is vitally important - and I hope you will entrust me to help shape our role as a body for a term as chair.

For the last five years I have served on the Senate's Elections, Representation, and Governance Committee, first as a volunteer, then as the elected Senator representing all non-tenure track research faculty at the university. For the last two years I have served as that committee's chair, and this past year I was also privileged to be elected to the Senate Executive Committee. Prior to the Senate I served on both campus and University System-wide governance bodies, including the steering committee for the Strategic Plan. I have a deep knowledge of the operations of the university across both academic and support units, and I have worked on issues across institutions and in Annapolis on behalf of both College Park, and the whole System.

My day-to-day life at the University revolves around my research and work in crisis management. As the Policy program director for the ICONS Project in the Department of Government and Politics, I design crisis management simulations and exercises for many think tanks and government agencies, and carry out research on both international security crises, and small group decision making dynamics. Over the years I have either worked directly with or been funded by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Brookings Institution, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, the NIH, the National Science Foundation, the Department of State, the Department of Labor, the Office of Personnel Management, the Kennedy School, the Fletcher School, and the National Defense University Afghan-Pakistan Fellows program among many others. I am deeply proud of the fact that over one third of all research funding at the university is brought in by NTT Research Faculty, and it has been an honor to be re-elected to represent them in the Senate three consecutive times.

As I begin my third term representing research faculty, the Senate has before it several important decisions regarding the future of NTT faculty across the institution. Participating in the process that brought together my constituents, our tenured colleagues, administrators and others to help shape these proposals has truly been an exercise in what shared governance can be at its best. Over the last two years the committee I chair has continuously promoted the idea that shared governance is a two-way street. The administration must come to the table with transparency, and a genuine willingness to consider the advice and perspective of all constituencies – and we, in return, have an obligation to be proactive, and well informed. This is the ideal that has motivated me to continue serving through the years, and what I hope to have a chance to bring to the leadership of this great body.

## **Candidacy Statements for the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) 2014-2015 Election**

### **Faculty Senator Nominees**

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#### **James Alexander – Professor Emeritus, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences**

The Executive Committee works with the Chair of the Senate to set senate agenda, supervise senate committees, and in general ensure the senate functions effectively. I have had significant experience in this regard, and would welcome the opportunity to serve again on the UMCP Senate Executive Committee. I believe I have demonstrated (see below) I will be an effective member.

I was a faculty member at UMCP for 29 years, and 10 years a named professor at another institution (Case Western Reserve University). I am the incoming Emeritus Senator. I have been a member of the governance bodies listed below, and been elected by my peers to the indicated positions. I also note a number of other positions I have held.

- UMd Campus Senate: Executive Committee
- Council of [Maryland State] University System Faculty (CUSF): Chair
- Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) of Maryland Higher Education Commission: Chair
- CWRU Faculty Senate: Executive Committee/Chair
  
- UMd and CWRU: member, campus-wide promotions and tenure committee
- UMd: faculty member, Honor Review Board (which deals with cases of student academic dishonesty)
- Co-chair of ad hoc Maryland state school-board/university-system task force to implement a program to deal with school/university transition in mathematics
- UMS: Member of task force to develop University Honors Program for freshmen (CTE-Lilly Department Award)
- CWRU: member, search committee for university president
- CWRU: member and Chair, university library advisory committee

#### **Christopher Davis – Professor, A. James Clark School of Engineering**

I have been a member of the University of Maryland faculty for almost 39 years. I am currently Minta Martin Professor of Engineering and Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering. In my role as a Keystone Professor I teach classes to freshman engineers every year. I run a large research program in directional wireless communication networks, laser beam propagation through the atmosphere, and in various areas of optical engineering. In the past I have served as Director of the Gemstone Program and Associate Dean of the A. James Clark School of Engineering. I currently direct the A. James Clark School RISE (Research, Instruction, Service, and Entrepreneurship) program. I previously served on the Senate Executive Committee from 1991 – 1999, and 2012-2014, and was Senate Chair during the 1994 -1995 academic year. I was elected as a Distinguished Scholar Teacher in 1989. During my time at Maryland I have served, or am serving, on over 100 campus, college, and departmental committees, including service on APAC, the Athletic Council and CUSF. I have served for the last one and a half years as Chair of the Senate Academic Procedures and Standards Committee. I am a strong believer in shared governance, and I think that it is extremely important that the faculty, staff, and students of the University be part of the decision making process on campus up to highest level. I have been increasingly concerned that our support from the State continues to decline, yet in the face of budget cuts we constantly acquiesce and perform with excellence, even though we are repeatedly asked to do more with less. I have just completed another year as a

member once again of the Senate Executive Committee and would welcome the opportunity to serve for another year.

**Charles Delwiche – Professor, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences**

I came to the University of Maryland in 1996 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics, and was promoted to Professor in 2010. I have taught large and small lecture undergraduate classes, discussion-based honors seminars, and graduate classes. My research program focuses on the use of DNA and computer modeling to reconstruct the early evolution of photosynthetic organisms. I have an active and well-funded laboratory, and have brought over \$4 Million in external research funding to the University of Maryland. I am currently serving as the Director of Graduate Studies for the Biological Sciences (BISI) graduate program, and served on the Senate 2008-2011, including as Chair of the Committee on Academic Procedures and Standards (APAS 2009-2011) and a member of the SEC (2010-2011). Professional honors have included an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation award in Molecular Studies of Evolution, a Kavli Fellowship for the Frontiers of Science program, and the Darbaker Award in Studies of Microalgae from the Botanical Society of America. I am dedicated to the concept that research and education are natural and mutually beneficial partners, and that through these activities universities add value and strength to our extended community. The University of Maryland is among the largest institutions in the State of Maryland, and the University Senate serves as its central body for deliberation, oversight, and planning. Effective leadership in the Senate has the potential to benefit the entire State. I am honored to have had the opportunity to participate in that process, and hope to have the opportunity to serve again.

**Devin Ellis – Faculty Research Assistant, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

It is a distinct honor to be nominated for a second term on the Senate Executive Committee. My service this year has reaffirmed for me what a vital role the Senate plays as a venue for collaboration with the administration in shaping the direction of this institution. Now is a time of critical change and growth, not only at our university, but throughout public higher education. We must tackle the reality of a funding model which will likely never return to the golden days of strong and consistent state support; ever evolving plans to reshape the physical landscape around the campus to create a more sustainable community for all; the ongoing struggle to close the achievement gap among students; changes in the face of the academe – not the least of which is our ongoing attempt to come to terms with the fact that two thirds of the faculty at the university are not on the tenure track, and what that means for the institution.

For the last five years I have served on the Senate's Elections, Representation, and Governance Committee, first as a volunteer, then as the elected Senator representing all non-tenure track research faculty at the university. For the last two years I have served as that committee's chair, as we tackled critical questions around the Plan of Organization review, and approved new plans for most of the university's colleges and schools. As I begin my third term representing research faculty, the Senate has before it several important decisions regarding the future of NTT faculty across the institution. Participating in the process that brought together my constituents, our tenured colleagues, administrators and others to help shape these proposals has truly been an exercise in what shared governance can be at its best. I believe I continue to bring a unique and important perspective to the SEC, and I hope that you, my colleagues, will see fit to return me there for one more year.

**Andrew Harris – Professor, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences**

In the 17 years since I joined the Department of Astronomy, my interactions with faculty and staff at the departmental, college, and university levels have been interesting and stimulating complements to my teaching and research lives. My interest in being elected to the Senate's Executive Committee follows a line of curiosity and

desire to move the University forward rather than a specific agenda. Generally, beyond the facts and practice that are key to their fields, I would like to ensure that our students gain the ability to reason clearly by using a combination of writing, mathematical, and reading skills.

My background is experimental astrophysics, mostly at radio wavelengths: in rough outline I construct instruments, put them on telescopes, observe, and interpret the data. I collaborate with research groups within the US and in Europe, with strong connections to Germany. Working between astronomy, physics, and engineering is very satisfying, and I am pleased that my connection to Electrical and Computer Engineering resulted in an Affiliate appointment in that department. This fits my training: a B.S. in electrical engineering from UC Davis, Ph.D. in Physics from UC Berkeley, an 8-year stint at the Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics, and 2 years at UMass Amherst before coming to Maryland.

### **Steven Hurtt – Professor, 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 professional master's programs in Planning, Historic Preservation, a Ph.D. program in Urban and Regional Planning and Design and created National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education. Groundwork for a professional master's degree program in Real Estate Development led to beginning that program shortly after Hurtt returned to the faculty. 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. Some of the most obvious include the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, the new dorms along Knox Road, and the Mayer Mall. Hurtt was also instrumental in the early conceptualization of the East Campus redevelopment as a new college town environment, now being called the Innovation District. He also participated in both general and detailed deliberations concerning the proposed Purple Line. Hurtt was on a Leave of Absence for two academic years (2011-12, 2012-13) and has now returned full time faculty member. Circa 2009-2011 Hurtt served on the University Senate and on the Senate Executive Committee. Beginning this fall, Hurtt returned to UMD as a full time faculty member, volunteered to substitute for a Senator on leave, and also was elected for a three-year term beginning in May.

Steve Hurtt says that he believes his diverse experiences as a dean, as a faculty member, and long involvement with facilities and facilities planning, will enable him to continue to best serve the campus through the University Senate Executive

### **Marilee Lindemann – Associate Professor, College of Arts and Humanities**

I am honored to have been nominated to run for the Senate Executive Committee and would welcome the opportunity to serve on it. I am in the second year of my three-year term on the Senate and have chaired the PCC committee this year. That service has given me an appreciation of the vital role the SEC plays in setting the agenda for the Senate and carrying out its actions.

I have been at Maryland since 1992 and served on the Senate's Faculty Affairs Committee in my first two years as an assistant professor, so my commitment to shared governance has deep roots. In 2012, I served on the Senate Task Force on Open Access and began a two-year term on the Committee on Committees. My tenure home is the English department, but my twelve years as founding director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies Program have given me experience across campus in issues related to diversity, curriculum development, and undergraduate education. Since 2010, I have served on the General Education Faculty Board for Diversity, which has been involved with implementing the new General Education curriculum. I also currently serve on the Academic Planning Advisory Committee in the College of Arts and Humanities. In 2013, I received the Kirwan

Undergraduate Education Award in recognition of my teaching and mentoring as well as my efforts in building the LGBT Studies Program.

**James Lynch – Professor and Chair, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

Statement Pending...

**Missy Meharg – Head Coach, Department of Athletics**

My name is Missy Meharg and I have been working on the College Park campus since 1985. I received a Masters of Arts in Sports Psychology and subsequently became the Head Coach for Field Hockey in 1988. I presently sit on the University Senate and Chair the Nominations Committee. I was the inaugural Chair of our Athletic Coaches' Group from 2009-2013 after assisting in the selection of our Director of Athletics', Kevin Anderson. I sat on the President's Commission, which had the task of eliminating sports in order to maintain competitive Conference and National success.

As coaches we teach in a different environment. We critically evaluate and select every one of our students with the intent to graduate from Maryland, develop respectful and honorable young people while winning Conference and National Championships. How athletics interfaces with higher education has become of great interest for all Turtles as WE enter the B10 Conference.

I would like to serve on the Senate Executive Committee to listen, to learn, to share and to serve The University.

**Kasey Moyes – Assistant Professor, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources**

This past academic year was my first as serving on both the Committee and Committee and the General Education Committees. I would welcome having the opportunity to serve on the Senate Executive Committee as well. I started my faculty position in August, 2012 and, although my experience has been minimal, my commitment to the University and to shared governance is reflected in my numerous activities, including serving on both senate committees. In addition to my research program that focuses on improving animal health and well-being, I teach introductory courses at the 100-level as well as 400/600-level courses. I believe my short experience at the university defines an ideal candidate for the Senate Executive Committee, and I look forward to serving the campus community in that capacity.

**KerryAnn O'Meara – Associate Professor, College of Education**

I have been a member of the faculty for seven years and serve as Co-Director of UM's ADVANCE project, which aims to improve faculty work environments and increase opportunities for faculty professional growth, retention and advancement. This role has allowed me the opportunity to work with faculty and administrators from every college and division on campus. Recently I served on the Senate and Provost's Joint Task Force on Promotion and Tenure Reform and appreciated the opportunity to work with colleagues from across campus to suggest revisions to our academic reward system policies that I believe will make our process more equitable and supportive of the full range of scholarship of a diverse faculty. I also served on the Women's Commission, a taskforce studying faculty awards, the parental leave policy committee, and now the university senate. My research examines organizational practices that support and constrain the full participation of faculty in higher education institutions. I am particularly interested in organizational practices that support engaged scholars, women and under-represented minority faculty in higher education. My academic program, HESI (higher education, student affairs, and international education policy) works with graduate students preparing to work in many different parts of the campus--including in advising, student affairs, as policy-makers and future faculty.

I would like to serve on the Senate Executive Committee to learn more about the major trends and challenges facing the campus at this point in time, and to work with colleagues to ensure that the diverse interests of students, faculty and staff are studied, listened to and incorporated into future decisions and opportunities.

### **Terry Owen – Librarian III, University Libraries**

As Digital Scholarship Librarian in McKeldin Library and coordinator for the Digital Repository at the University of Maryland (DRUM), I am actively involved in promoting open access to scholarly research across campus and educating UMD faculty and students on scholarly communication issues, including author rights and copyright. I am serving my second term as Senator for the Libraries and currently chair the Senate Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee. During my first term as Senator, I was elected to the Senate Executive Committee (2009-2010) and chaired the Senate Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee (2010-2011). I have also served as a member of the Senate Elections, Representations & Governance Committee (2011-2013) and the Senate Educational Affairs Committee (2006-2008). I have served on numerous committees within the Libraries, including the Faculty Merit & Annual Review Committee and two special committees charged with reviewing the procedures and criteria for the promotion and permanent status of library faculty. I found my participation in the University Senate, especially my time on the Senate Executive Committee, very rewarding and I would welcome the opportunity to serve as a member of this important body again.

### **Nadine Sahyoun – Associate Professor, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources**

I have spent the last 14 years at the University of Maryland and served on many committees within and outside the university. This has made me fully appreciative of the supportive role these committees play in my responsibilities as a Professor and Researcher. I have observed many creative ideas being proposed from these committees and I can confidently say that a productive career in teaching and research depends in part on the novel ideas generated at this level. For faculty to be involved in both roles contributes to a better understanding of their responsibilities, and this, in turn, leads to a successful career. The senate is at the core of the various functions of the University of Maryland. It would be a privilege to be involved in the Senate Executive Committee and bring attention to all the creative suggestions that this body must consider.

### **Karol Soltan – Associate Professor, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

I have been part of the faculty in the Department of Government and Politics since 1983. At the University of Maryland I have also taught in (and directed) the Committee for Politics, Philosophy and Public Policy (which was a joint program of my department, the Department of Philosophy and the School of Public Policy). And I have taught in the Law School. In periods away from the University I have taught in the Department of Economics at University of Warsaw, and in the National School of Public Administration in Warsaw. And I have worked for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor. My PhD is in Sociology.

This will be my second stint in the University Senate, so I have some experience, and it seems right to try to play a more active role this time. Hence I have accepted the nomination to be a candidate for the Executive Committee of the Senate. To give you some idea where I stand, let me mention two university issues I worry about. First, I worry about the effect of technology and the internet on the quality of our teaching. My limited observation suggests there are significant negative effects, and a considerable potential for more negative effects. Second, I worry whether we do enough to limit bureaucracy at the university. We are a large state university so bureaucracy is inevitable. But I have not seen much effort to limit it. Perhaps we should do more?

## **Ruth Zambrana – Professor, College of Arts and Humanities**

I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve a third term and contribute to a better understanding and identification of truly bold and innovative solutions to the many critical issues particularly around excellence in diversity that UM is confronting.

I am currently a member of the University Senate as a faculty representative for the Departments of Women's Studies and American Studies (2012-2015). I have also served conscientiously as a member of the Senate Executive Committee for two terms. Based on my experience during the last two years, my knowledge of key issues currently facing our university community, such as APT and faculty and student diversity initiatives and equally important the quality of our institutional culture, compel me to serve a third term. I feel exceptionally well-grounded and also concerned about the direction and overall politics of the university which has certainly been informed by my active participation as a SEC member. My seasoned experience and institutional wisdom draws from participation in active faculty shared governance structures in four other doctoral granting universities prior to UM. In addition I come with a long professional and personal commitment to issues of inclusion and social justice that make me uniquely qualified to continue to serve as a SEC member. As a senior professor with 15 year tenure at UM, I bring a rich set of experiences and evidence-based perspectives, on many of the issues that UM struggles with around teaching, research and inclusion and retention of racial/ethnic faculty, and gender issues.

### **Current position and prior positions**

I am a professor in the Department of Women's Studies (199-present) and director of the Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity (2005-present). My research focuses on racial, ethnic and gender disparities and institutional inequity in health and higher education institutions. I was an ADVANCE professor for Women of Color in the non-STEM colleges (2010-2012). I have been a professor at UM since 1999 and have participated in numerous university, college and departmental committees. I am the founding director of the U.S. Latino/a Studies program (current academic home in the Department of American Studies). I previously served as a Senator and a member of the faculty affairs committee in early 2000.

The last university committee on which I served was the Provost's Strategic Planning Diversity committee (2009-2011).

### **Current engagement in University Departments and Units**

I am actively engaged in varied university units in various capacities across colleges that include: an affiliate faculty member of African American Studies, U.S. Latino/as Studies, Sociology, Department of Behavioral and Community Health in the School of Public Health, and most recently I have been asked to serve as Co-Director of the Research Training and Education Core (RTEC), University of Maryland Center of Excellence on Race, Ethnicity and Health Disparities Research, School of Public Health. This past year I co-lead a Master Mentoring program for senior faculty on UM campus and served as faculty organizer /mentor for the Public Health Critical Race Praxis Institute with Dr. Stephen Thomas. I am also a member of the ARHU WMST/LGBT merger committee to integrate the LGBT program into the WMST department. In addition I serve as a member of the Community Research Advisory Board (CRAB), Center for Health Equity, and am an affiliate of the Maryland Population Research Center (Executive Committee member 2009-2011). Lastly I recently completed a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded research study entitled *Understanding the Relationship between Work Stress and U.S. Research Institutions' Failure to Retain Underrepresented Minority Faculty (Principal Investigator -2010-2013)*

## Exempt Staff Senator Nominees

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### **James Bond – Assistant Director, Division of Student Affairs**

My name is James Bond and I would like your consideration to place me on the Senate Executive Committee. As an advocate for the University of Maryland since my days as a student leader, I have an unwavering commitment to ensure the best for our University.

While it is my first term as an elected member to the Senate, my interaction with the organization spans over many years. As a Past President of the Student Government Association, and more recently an three-year member of the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, I understand the importance and the value of this shared governing body and its functions. My frequent interactions with the Student Conduct Committee in my current role with the Office of Student Conduct also provide insights and appreciation for the Senate's responsibilities. I know I will be a valuable member to this committee if given the opportunity. Guiding the Senate and its initiatives would be an honor, and I hope to have your support.

### **Willie Brown – Director of Office Automation, Division of Information Technology**

During my 21-year career at the University of Maryland, I have been an active participant in the Shared Governance Process at the University level and at the University System of Maryland level for the last 18 years. Some of the experience that I will bring to the Senate Executive Committee includes serving on or chairing the Campus Affairs Committee (current Chair), the Staff Affairs Committee (past Chair), the Council of University System Staff (CUSS) (past Chair) and the Senate Executive Committee.

I bring a wealth of insightfulness based on active participation on committees that have tackled or are tackling such issues at the campus level as the policy on medical marijuana for staff, students and faculty, non-exempt staff issues, prayer at commencement and campus safety and security. Additionally, I have worked diligently to address staff benefits, salary compensation and other staff considerations at the system level. I have served on committees such as the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC), the Athletics Council, the ad-hoc committee on the site selection process and the University System of Maryland Chancellor's Council. I have also served on search committees for campus-wide positions such as the search for a Title IX Investigator, a search for a Chief Information Officer and a search for a Vice President for Administrative Affairs.

I believe that the breadth and depth of my experience in Shared Governance for campus-wide issues and most importantly my passionate involvement with matters pertaining to our staff, the university and the University System of Maryland will allow me to make well informed contributions to the Senate Executive Committee. I ask for your affirmative vote to serve on the Senate Executive Committee.

### **Carolyn Trimble – Associate Director, Division of Administration and Finance**

It would be a tremendous privilege to serve on the Senate Executive Committee. I am presently an Exempt Staff Senator, chair of the Senate Staff Affairs Committee, and an *ex officio* representative on the Campus Affairs Committee. I also serve on the Equity Council. In my role as Associate Director of University Human Resources, I am well-informed on issues and am able to contribute to important discussions on the many complex matters affecting the University's Exempt staff employees. As a graduate of this great university, a 20-year employee, and the parent of a Terrapin student-athlete, I bring a variety of perspectives to the table. I deeply appreciate the opportunity to run for Senate Executive Committee and work with colleagues as we face many new challenges over the next academic year. Thank you for your consideration...Cheer the Turtle!



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

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### **Alan Holmes – Office Supervisor I, Division of Student Affairs**

Fellow Senators,

I am delighted to have been asked to submit my candidacy for a seat on the Senate Executive Committee (SEC). I am in middle of my second appointment as a Senator, having previously serving a 1 year term as a C2 Non Exempt and now beginning my second year of a 2 year appointment as a Regular Non Exempt Employee. In the time I have been on the Senate, I have served on the Staff Affairs, and Committee on Committees and enjoyed both of those positions.

In my almost 8 years as a University Employee, I have learned quite a lot about how the University operates and how it is governed. I believe I can contribute quite a lot to the Executive Committee and will work hard for the university to ensure that proposals brought before the committee are properly reviewed, debated and brought before the Senate body in a timely manner.

### **Kristin Stenson – Program Administrative Specialist, Division of Administration and Finance**

It would be an honor to serve the campus community on the Senate Executive Committee. My campus experience began in 2006 as a University of Maryland employee and undergraduate student. I am currently am employed in the University's Department of Procurement and Supply, and a graduate student in the Smith School of Business. My position in Procurement allows me to be involved in many facets that comprise this institution, such as construction of new facilities, collaborative efforts with surrounding communities, purchase of the latest technology, and responsible surplus property disposal. I interact with staff members of Administrative, Academic, Student divisions, and direct reports to the President's office daily. My multiple roles on campus gives me a unique viewpoint that will produce creative solutions when reviewing proposals from the University of Maryland community. Personally I am committed to providing outstanding customer service, increasing our campus's sustainability, and improving internal operations. I believe my qualifications and experiences provide a good foundation for the Senate Executive Committee.

## **Graduate Student Senator Nominees**

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### **Sagar Guwalani – Robert H. Smith School of Business**

I feel that I have the qualities required to be on the SEC committee. I'm a consistent worker, hardworking, can take fair decisions, persuasive at times when required, can stimulate and inspire my colleagues to work as team. I am also enthusiastic and good-humored. I believe that my communication skills and positive work ethic make me a very competitive candidate. Below is a brief summary my leadership and work experience

- Serving as the IEEE CS Student Ambassador for the Asia-Pacific region I co-founded an IEEE CS Student Congress for networking and professional development of student chapters within the IEEE Bombay section. The benchmark set by me is now being used as a model for future ambassadors.
- Even throughout my under-graduation I have played a key role in organizing and managing various Inter-College Festivals and been appreciated for my efforts in the same, by representatives from Intel-India and Institute of Information Security.

- As the campus ambassador for Teach for India at my college, I built strong associations not only with professionals from TFI but also with the faculty and staff of my college to help eliminate education inequity in India.
- Currently too I serve as the Ambassador for the MS in Business Information Systems Program at the Smith School for the upcoming Fall 2014 cohort addressing their queries and thus helping the Master's Program Office efficiently manage their activities
- I also co-founded and serve as the VP of External Relations for the Masters Professional Communication Club, founded primarily to help students enhance their professional communication skills (especially internationals)

I'm an effective team player, always willing to connect with people and build relations. And, I believe I have done well so far mainly because I am always willing to help.

Hence, I am confident that if elected, I can meet the expectations required for the position.

### **Gilbert Nuñez – College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

My name is Gilbert David Nuñez (Ph.D. Student, Department of Government and Politics, College of BSOS), and I am very interested in serving another term as the graduate student senator on the Senate Executive Committee as I enter my third year in the University Senate. In my first year in the Senate, I learned about Maryland's shared governance system and served as one of the graduate student senators on the Student Affairs Committee. In my second year, I had the opportunity to serve on the SEC as the senator representing UMD's more than 10,000 graduate students. Having been through the process for one year now, I think I have even more to offer in representing the needs and interests of our graduate student population.

As a student in the Department of Government and Politics with a focus in American government institutions, I am very interested in the legislative process and how committees work to support the efforts of the larger legislative body. I also bring with me personal legislative experience as a former board of education member in my hometown. In that role, I served as part of a small deliberative body that received proposals from administrators and constituents and voted to refer items to different committees and cast votes to support the efforts of our students, teachers, administrators, and larger community. Now, as a graduate student and instructor who runs two of the department's undergraduate internship programs, I believe I have a great deal to contribute to the process and share with my fellow senators who come to the Senate and Senate Executive Committee from different departments, colleges, and constituencies. I would thoroughly enjoy the chance to further my Senate service by continuing as a member of this central committee and lending my voice to this step of the shared governance structure. I appreciate your consideration.

### **Mark Rivera – College of Education**

Although I was neither born nor raised a Terp, I have come to love the University of Maryland and would like to show my appreciation through service on the Senate Executive Committee. I recognize that UMD, like many higher education institutions, is experiencing exciting changes and in some cases challenges, and I would like to help shape our University for the better. Moreover, I believe my skills set and previous work experiences would be an asset on the Senate Executive Committee.

Among the many responsibilities listed is reviewing committee reports. Having earned a B.A. and M.A. in English I am not only familiar with proofreading and editing duties, I relish polishing papers. Equally important, I believe that my studies in the Higher Education Ph.D. program have provided me with a solid foundation to assess a wide variety of issues that may appear in committee reports. At the same time I have significant experience working

with senior level administrators at UMD and elsewhere. As a grad student liaison for the ADVANCE Leadership Fellows Program I have worked closely with Linda Clement and Ann Wylie, which has provided me with a unique perspective of the University. I am also fortunate to have developed good working relationships with several deans as well as their administrative assistants, so I am confident that I can effectively work with them and other committee members.

Meanwhile my graduate assistantship in the Office of Federal Relations has enabled me to correspond with and coordinate events for government agencies and on occasion members of the Maryland congressional delegation. It has certainly provided me with a good look into the roles and responsibilities of a wide variety of University stakeholders, which I believe would also benefit me on the Senior Executive Committee.

Ultimately, I am grateful to have been elected as a graduate student senator and look forward to representing the interests of my peers. However, if there is an opportunity for me to utilize the full extent of my skills and experiences for the improvement of the University of Maryland I would like the opportunity to do so. I believe that I have much to contribute to the Senate Executive Committee and would like to serve as its newest graduate student member.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration.

## **Undergraduate Student Senator Nominees**

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### **Ryan Belcher – College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

My name is Ryan Belcher, a Junior studying for Government and Politics and Environmental Science. I am honored to be nominated for the Senate Executive Committee. As a member of this powerful committee, I aim to increase collaboration between the Senate and other bodies on campus - student, graduate, academic. More specifically, I have a strong interest in academic and environmental policy. I hope to modernize the tenure process for professors and change the class registration process for students on financial aid, to name a few academic goals. With regards to sustainability, I will endeavor to create a sustainability committee on the University Senate and use this body to make common sense changes in our consumption and emissions.

As one of your voices to the Senate Executive Committee, I would be excited to hear any concerns as Senators and students. Again, I think collaboration is the key to success within the Senate and between the Senate and other groups.

### **Anu Challa – A. James Clark School of Engineering**

My name is Anu Challa, and I am an undergraduate Computer Engineering major in the Honors College. My interest in serving on the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) lies in my strong belief in civic duty and passion for student governance.

As a newly re-elected undergraduate senator for the Clark School of Engineering, I am excited for this upcoming term. I have been actively attending our monthly meetings, as well as those for the Educational Affairs Committee, of which I am currently a member. I am also active within other areas of the campus community; from club sports to service projects, I am committed to making the most of my time here. I am drawn to the SEC because it synthesizes all aspects of campus life. As a Computer Engineering student who was once a prospective journalism double-major, I understand the importance of both the sciences and the humanities, and I am deeply invested in both. The SEC handles a variety of situations from all over campus.

I believe my well-rounded background would be meaningful to this cause. Serving on the SEC would be an honor and a pleasure.

**Khalil Pettus – Robert H. Smith School of Business**

My name is Khalil Pettus, and I was just elected as a second-term Senator to the BMGT College. During my time at the university, I have been committed to excellence and leadership. Most notably I am the President of the Smith Undergraduate Student Association (SUSA), which serves as the undergraduate governing body within the Robert H. Smith School of Business. Additionally I am a board member of the Dean's Student Advisory Council (DSAC), which serves as a task force of students assembled to advise the Dean on strategic decisions. My involvement in these organizations have given me experience in advocating for student needs, interacting with faculty & staff as well as handling confidential information. All of these skills I've acquired are very relevant and transferable to the SEC.

I believe I would be a great fit for the SEC because of my passion, dedication and commitment to the promoting the student voice. I offer a great perspective, and want to share that insight on a larger scale to the SEC.

**Taeler Wilson – College of Arts and Humanities**

My name is Taeler Wilson and I am currently a junior English major at the University of Maryland. Having recently entered the college of Arts & Humanities, I realized that many of the problems that face students in majors such as my own, are not commonly made known to the academic community. In addition, as I am very involved with a diverse group of organizations and departments on campus I've sought to make change and help improve the University of Maryland Community. For this reason, I ran for the 2013-14 University Senate term in addition to applied for the Senate Executive Committee. As a senator of the past (my sophomore year), I've seen the amount of work and dedication that goes into making the University live up to its superb reputation. Furthermore, as the Co-Founder of my own organization, Leading Ladies Connecting, I have experience working with a highly intelligent group of individuals in order to obtain solutions to multiple proposals and problems. If elected, I will be sure to bring a Liberal Arts major outside view to situations as well as work diligently to contribute to the Senate Committees strive for excellence. It is with my hope, that I will have the privilege of serving on this year's Senate Executive Committee.

## **Candidacy Statements for the Committee on Committees 2014-2015 Elections**

### **Faculty Senator Nominees**

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#### **Steven Brauth – Professor, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be considered for nomination as a member of the Senate Committee on Committees. I have been a faculty member at UMCP since 1975 and, with great satisfaction, have watched our University grow into one of the premiere public research Universities in the world. I am now in my first year in the Senate and enjoy serving to represent the faculty and supporting shared governance for the campus in the future. In addition to serving in the Senate I have served on many University committees including the Animal Care and Use Committee (1990-93 and 1996-2007, including Chair in 'Fall 96-Spring '98), Neuroscience Steering Committee (1990-1992), Neuroscience Curriculum Committee (1990-1994), Graduate Research Board (1992-1995), Developmental Science Steering Committee (1995-1996), College Park Scholars Steering Committee (1995-1997, including phone interviews during the first two years for recruiting potential undergraduate students, advising students in the program and design of a colloquium series), Biological and Chemical Hygiene Committee (1999-2001). I was also elected to serve on the BSOS Academic Collegiate Council (1992-1994 and 1998-2000) and have greatly enjoyed all of these experiences.

As a neuroscientist my work has been focused on brain evolution and the comparative study of animal behavior. I am a fellow of the American Psychological Society, have received grants from NSF and NIH and recently received a fellowship from the Chinese Academy of Sciences to conduct research and teach a graduate seminar during my sabbatical in Spring 2010 at the Chengdu Institute of Biology. At UMCP, I teach both undergraduate and graduate courses, have served on many graduate student committees and have participated actively in the Psychology Honors Program (1984-2006) including service as Director (2006-2008). I have a longstanding interest in academic and institutional excellence at UMCP and wish to serve on the Senate Committee on Committees for this reason.

#### **Bryan Eichhorn – Professor, College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences**

I am honored to be nominated to run for a position on the Committee on Committees in the University Senate. I believe that my experiences on the College Park campus cross many disciplines and provide a unique perspective on campus activities.

I am finishing my 25<sup>th</sup> year as a faculty member at the University of Maryland and have witnessed first hand the remarkable transformation of this institution into a top tier research university. During this time, I have been active in several campus wide committees and organizations, including the University Graduate PCC committee (chair), the University Graduate council, the Undergraduate Studies IVSP board and several ad hoc committees for the Provost, Vice President for Research, Honors Program and College Park Scholars. I am currently an active member in the University of Maryland Nanocenter, the University of Maryland Energy Research Center and the Future of Information Alliance. My field of research is materials for energy science that involves collaborations across several departments and two colleges. I have an active research group comprising 11 students, postdocs and a visiting scientist. I am very involved in educational issues at the graduate and undergraduate level, and have provided instruction to over 4,000 UMCP students in the past 25 years. I would be honored to serve the University on the Committee of Committees.

#### **Jessica Enoch – Associate Professor and Director of Academic Writing, College of Arts and Humanities**

This academic year was my second year on the University Senate, and I welcome the opportunity to serve on the Senate Committee on Committees.

I have been part of the University of Maryland community for three years. I am an associate professor in the English department, with research interests in rhetorical history, composition studies, feminist rhetoric, and archival research methods. In 2013, I became Director of Academic Writing. As reflected in my work as director of the first-year writing program at UMD, I have deep investment in student learning and preparing them to engage thoughtfully and productively throughout their academic career at the university as well as in their lives beyond the university's walls. I have served as a member of the university's Faculty Writing Board, the Campus Writing Board, the First-Year Book committee, and the Dean's Lecture Series committee.

### **Ethan Kaplan – Assistant Professor, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

I am a 3rd year Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Maryland. I have a very eclectic background. I was an undergraduate in History but with an extensive background in mathematics (including many courses at the doctoral level). My research focuses on economics and political science and I know many people in the political science department. I am very active in working with graduate students and am currently on 7 Ph.D. committees. I teach a Ph.D. course in political economy, which is cross-listed with political science. In addition, I teach intermediate microeconomics and an I-Series course on the political economy of economic inequality (which mixes political philosophy, economics and comparative politics). I lead a research team composing of 13 undergraduates and I have advised one undergraduate honors thesis. I have served for three years in a row on my department's graduate student admissions committee and have helped out each year with both junior and senior recruiting. I also have a son at CYC (Center for Young Children) and have served on the sustainability committee in BSOS. In my 2.5 years at UMD, I have been fortunate to get to know many distinct parts of the University and I believe that this makes me a good candidate for serving on the Senate Committee on Committees.

### **Exempt Staff Senator Nominees**

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#### **Audrey Stewart – Executive Administrative Assistant I, Division of Administration and Finance**

As the Executive Assistant to the Associate Vice President for Facilities Management, I have had the opportunity to experience, first-hand, what it means to be a "TERP" and how to apply this recognition as being an intricate part of our growing campus community. Since being employed on campus for over 19 years, I have also been an extremely active and progressive member of the University of Maryland community, whether it is as a volunteer for Maryland Day, or serving in the capacity as the Facilities Management (FM) Co-Chair for this year's Maryland Day Event. I am also the FM/AVP Green Office Representative (Silver Status). I have served on the UMCP/Black Faculty & Staff Association's Executive Board in various positions, such as, Vice President and Non-Exempt Staff Representative. Other Senate Committees that I've served on are: The Committee on Committees, Staff Affairs Committee, Office of Diversity and Inclusion Committee and the Campus Transportation Advisory Council. I was previously appointed to serve as the Non-Exempt Staff Representative for the USM's Five-Year Review Team of President C.D. Mote, Jr., for the University of Maryland's Institutional Accreditation Process. I was also appointed to serve on the Interdivisional Working Group on Non-Exempt Staff Issues. I am a life-long "TERP," currently working on completing my undergraduate degree in Business Management at the University of Maryland, University College (2015). I have and will always support the mission of this campus and the Senate Committee on Committees, especially, when it pertains to making our community one big family that we all can be proud to be a part of.

Thank you for your consideration in nominating me to continually serve on the University of Maryland Senate. **GO TERPS!**

## **Graduate Student Senator Nominees**

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### **Michelle Blair – Part-Time Graduate Student Rep, College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences**

I have studied at UMCP since 2010, beginning a formal program of study in the Fall of 2014. I have also studied part-time and full-time at 6 other institutions across New York and Massachusetts. As an experienced consumer of higher education who has been both a “traditional” student and a “non-traditional” student, I believe I will make a strong contribution to the Senate Committee on Committees and help UMCP retain and improve its status as a vibrant intellectual community. My professional experience across the private and public sectors and my leadership experience across student government and more recently in professional associations will support me in asserting the appropriate negotiation and diplomatic skills necessary to advocate for the UMD community. Finally, I have been a member of various communities in the United States, and I have traveled to several countries for work and leisure. I believe this exposure will help me to be sensitive to diverse perspectives, which will help ensure that the University Senate and the Senate Committee on Committees, supports fair outcomes that balance the sometimes competing concerns across the community.

## **Undergraduate Student Senator Nominees**

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### **Adip Bhargav – College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences**

I am currently part of the appellate board of the University Student Judiciary. This role in the USJ has taught me to consider candidates on a case by case basis because little nuances can add to overall value as a future committee member. In this way, I tend to take into account all aspects of a candidate and think broadly, more so than others might. More importantly, I will be actively involved in the Selection Committee of the USJ which will provide me with related experience so that I can successfully reflect the diversity of our undergraduate student body through my votes and opinions.

In terms of the recruitment responsibilities, I am currently Public Relations Chair of Global Health Initiative at UMD, and two of the primary responsibilities of this position are recruitment and outreach. Lastly, I am involved in a variety of other extracurricular activities from Club Tennis to TAing for Organic Chemistry for example; this exposure to different concerns both academic and otherwise on campus will be of value when considering candidates for committees having to deal with those concerns as well.

Therefore, I believe that I am the best candidate to fill the undergraduate seat of this committee due to my prior experiences and familiarity with the diversity of concerns and candidates at UMD.

### **Iowis Zhu – College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences**

My name is Iowis Zhu, and I would like to nominate myself for the undergraduate seat on the Senate Committee on Committees. I am a sophomore Biochemistry and Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics double major and a Statistics minor.

As a Banneker-Key scholar and a member of the Honors College, I have been treated very well by the University of Maryland. As such, I would like to do what I can to repay what I have been given, and I feel like one of the best ways of doing so would be doing my best to get more involved in the university community.

I feel that I would be a great candidate for the Senate Committee on Committees because of my prior experience in the University Senate and the connections I have made from my other activities on campus. For the past semester, I have been serving as the undergraduate representative on the Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses

committee and have had experience interacting with current faculty senators as well as with departmental representatives.

In addition to my time in the University Senate, I have been serving as the Biochemistry representative on the CMNS student advisory board for the past semester, where I help coordinate college events, such as study abroad forums and student-faculty gatherings. I have also been a teaching assistant for BSCI207 and CHEM242, where I was able to increase my interactions with the student body.

Based upon my knowledge of the general student body as well as my current time in the Senate PCC committee, I believe that I would serve as a fine undergraduate representative on the University of Maryland Senate Committee on Committees.

Thank you very much for your time!



## **Candidacy Statements for the Athletic Council 2014-2015 Election**

### **Faculty Nominees**

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#### **Richard Ellis – Professor, College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural 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 two very active research grants in the area of experimental plasma physics.

I have been a season ticket holder for Terp's football and basketball for many years and am a member of the Terrapin Club. I am interested in serving on the Athletic Council and would hope to make the transition to the Big 10 very successful. I consider it very important that we maintain academic integrity as well as field competitive teams. It is also important that we keep all faculty well informed of what is happening on the athletic front and I believe we can do more in this area.

#### **Reginal Harrell – Professor and Regional Extension Director, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources**

I am submitting my name for consideration of being a representative on the Athletic Council. I have been a faculty member and administrator in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources for almost 30 years serving as faculty, Department Chair for Maryland Extension, Associate Dean of Research, Associate Director of Maryland's Agricultural Experiment Station and as two Center Directors. I am also a past senator. I have been through the University's LEAD program for administrators, served as the Provost's representative on the System-wide review of the MEES graduate program and currently serve on its Curriculum Restructuring Committee and as College Park's Research Representative on the State's Aquaculture Coordinating Council. I teach four courses at the undergraduate and graduate level including an I&E University Core Elective. As a faculty member, in addition to serving on numerous college and departmental organizational committees, I have also served at three levels of the University's APT committees including chairing our college level committee. Last, I am frequently asked to be the Dean of the Graduate School's representative on Dissertation Committees. I have a PhD in Biology, an MBA, and an MDiv in Ethics.

My experience in athletics is as a former ACC track team member with Clemson University as an undergraduate, a referee in high school and some college-level basketball, former official Clock operator and/or Scorekeeper at The Citadel in Charleston SC, and a local community soccer and track coach. As Associate Director of Maryland's Experiment Station I worked with the Terp's Cross Country Coach to use our Turf Farm Research Facility as a site for Cross Country Meets. Lastly, I was also just recently nominated as a "Most Valuable Professor" by one of this year's Terp's Lacrosse Players.

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

Over the past several years, I have had the privilege to provide service to the University Community in a variety of ways, including as a member of the Campus Affairs Committee, a Senator, Chair of the Senate's Faculty Affairs Committee, Chair-Elect of the University Senate, member of the Senate Executive Committee, and Chair of the University Senate. I had the opportunity to serve on the President's Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics. As well as on the Athletics Workgroup that provided inputs to the President's Commission on Big Ten Integration. From these experiences, I learned first-hand the challenges that student athletes at Maryland face, as well as the issues that the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics must address in moving forward. I would like to use the insights I gained through these experiences as a foundation for serving as a member of the Athletic Council. I am a strong supporter of the positive benefits that athletics has for the University community, and at the same time, I also strongly believe in the philosophy that student athletes are students first and athletes second. The challenge the university faces is creating an environment where students are successful in the classroom as well as on the playing field.

### **Stephen McDaniel – Associate Professor, School of Public Health**

Currently, I represent the Department of Kinesiology and the School of Public Health in the University Senate. I serve on the Faculty Affairs subcommittee and have provided leadership by serving on committees at both the department and college levels. I have been at UMD for 18 years and am very familiar with our academic culture. Likewise, I am conversant with the history of intercollegiate athletics at our university. My teaching and research focus on the business of sports and entertainment, including intercollegiate athletics and its governance. For example, I am knowledgeable on current issues, such as the proposed unionization of NCAA athletes, as well as some of the potential legal and fiscal ramifications to athletic programs. At the same time, I recognize the many benefits that college athletics can offer a university and its various constituencies.

In addition to my scholarship in sport business, I have worked in and around college athletics for more than 25 years. As a graduate student, I tutored student athletes, while serving in the area of academic support. I was also a graduate assistant, in both public relations and sport marketing. As a faculty member at UMD, I have had varsity athletes in my classes. Given the above experiences, I understand the various challenges faced by our student athletes, coaches, athletic administrators and the university, which is often a byproduct of "marrying" the business of competitive sports and higher education. Therefore, I feel that I could make a contribution to the Athletic Council's policy dialogue and I would welcome being part of its important mission.

### **Vincent Novara – Librarian III, University Libraries**

I am honored to accept the nomination to run for the Athletic Council. For the past two years I have served the University Senate as Chair-Elect and Chair, as well as a member of the Sexual Harassment Task Force. Prior to that, my Senate experience included a year on the Senate Executive Committee, and two years with the Senate's Equity Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, which I chaired for one year. In 2005, when I was appointed to the Libraries' Faculty as a curator in the Michelle Smith Performing Arts Library, I pursued many opportunities to represent my colleagues on numerous committees supporting shared-governance. During my time as part of the Senate leadership, we have examined (in one fashion or another) UMD joining the Big 10, the reduction of teams, and the representation of Athletics in the Senate. At a time when revenue sports at Division I schools are contemplating unionization, compensation, and benefits, it is ideal that members of the Athletic Council have considerable

governance experience. I believe my experience with the Senate defines an ideal candidate for the Athletics Council, and I look forward to serving the campus community in that capacity.

## **Staff Nominees**

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### **James Bond – Assistant Director, Division of Student Affairs**

I would like to be considered for a seat on the University Athletic Council. My interactions with the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics have been wholly productive and positive over my tenure as a 14-year member of the campus community.

In those years, I have worked with students and staff from the athletics department, and I appreciate their talent and commitment. I continue to be fascinated by the role athletics plays on our campus, and have always been impressed with the ability of our student-athletes. As a staff member in the Office of Student Conduct, I do a lot of outreach and education with Athletics regarding academic and non-academic issues, working to ensure that our student-athletes are not only of high caliber, but also of high character. I am also an avid fan of our student-athletes and their coaches, having attended countless Maryland sporting events, and currently a season ticketholder in two of them.

My interest in being on the council is also in large part due to the timing of our entrance into the Big 10 Conference, and the intended and unintended outcomes this will continue to bring. My competitive nature wants to guarantee that we have the strongest athletics program in the conference and the country. In short, I would like to gain a greater perspective of how Intercollegiate Athletics affects the tenor of the campus life, and I would like to have a hand in improving this program as a part of my responsibilities with the University Senate. Thank you for consideration.

### **Dorinda Kimbrell – Director of Administrative Services, College of Computer, Mathematical and Natural Sciences**

Hello, my name is Dorinda Kimbrell. I have been with the University since October 2005 and am currently the Director of Administrative Services for the Department of Astronomy. I have a master's degree from UMUC (2009). I have served on the Campus Affairs Committee (2010-12), Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (2007-09), and numerous search committees. I have been a member of the Terrapin Club since 2003. I serve the Prince George's County community as a Red Cross Disaster Action Team response leader. Prior to my employment with Maryland, I worked at Garrett College (McHenry, MD) where I was active with the men's basketball team serving as a scorekeeper and public relations. I also was the official scorekeeper for the NJCAA men's and women's basketball District tournaments in the early 2000's. I am interested in serving on the Athletic Council to contribute to our University with my experience in policy and procedure formulation as well as to help promote the best possible program for our student athletes and athletic program. Thank you.

### **Kevin Pitt – Assistant Director, Division of Student Affairs**

I am honored to be considered to continue to represent the university community on the University Athletic Council. I've had the great privilege to study and work on this great campus for over 9 years! First as a graduate student I had the opportunity to serve the graduate community as Vice President of Graduate Student Government and then as a Graduate Student Senator. As a full time staff member I've been able to gain a wide variety of experiences in the Division of Student Affairs within the Department of Resident Life, with the Department of Fraternity and Sorority Life and currently with the Office of Student Conduct as Assistant Director of Academic Integrity where I work closely with faculty to adjudicate the Code of Academic Integrity and have very strong

professional connection with Athletics staff during my duties helping to educate our student-athletes of issues of academic integrity and any other student conduct issue that our student-athletes may encounter.

I've currently been serving as an Exempt Professional Senator for the past year and I'm seeking to take my love for campus athletics and campus advocacy to the next level by serving on the University Athletic Council. I'm very excited for this opportunity to serve the university within a different capacity and I am hoping that the combination of my history on campus as an advocate and my diverse professional experience on campus will inspire you to support my candidacy!

## **Candidacy Statements for the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF) 2014-2015 Election**

### **Faculty Full-Time Representative Nominees**

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#### **William Montgomery – Professor, College of Arts and Humanities**

William (Bill) Montgomery is a candidate for the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF) to continue his service there. As a member of CUSF over the past six years he has developed an understanding of the importance of CUSF at the Maryland System level and how to work in coordination with Chancellor Kirwan, and he has made many contributions on the Council. He has also served as CUSF's representative to the Maryland Higher Education Commission Faculty Advisory Council (MHEC-FAC), and, as such, has developed an understanding of the relationship between Maryland higher education and the Maryland state legislature.

At UMCP Bill has held several positions related to faculty governance: He has been Chair of the University Senate, Vice-Chair of the Strategic Plan Steering Committee, and Chair of the CORE Committee (working with the UMCP General Education program and the introduction of "learning outcome assessments" to the campus). He has taught at UMCP for almost 50 years and holds the rank of professor in the School of Music.

Bill is a flutist who made his New York City debut recital in the Carnegie Hall Recital Hall in 1960 and has performed many concerts throughout the United States and Western Europe. He presents a weekly concert series at the historic home of President James Monroe in Washington, D. C. (he presented the 675th concert there this past December). He has served on the Arts Panel for the District of Columbia Commission on the Arts, he has served as a consultant to the Library of Congress and as a member of the Fulbright National Selection Committee in Music, he held a residency in chamber music at the Kennedy Center for over three decades, and he has received commendations from both the U. S. Congress and the District of Columbia City Council for his work in music in the Washington, D. C. area.

#### **Vincent Novara – Librarian III, University Libraries**

I am honored to accept the nomination to run for the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF) to represent the faculty of our campus. For the past two years I have served the University Senate as Chair-Elect and Chair, as well as a member of the Sexual Harassment Task Force. Prior to that, my Senate experience included a year on the Senate Executive Committee, and two years with the Senate's Equity Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, which I chaired for one year. In 2005, when I was appointed to the Libraries' Faculty as a curator in the Michelle Smith Performing Arts Library, I pursued many opportunities to represent my colleagues on numerous committees supporting shared-governance. During my time as part of the Senate leadership, it has been my pleasure to attend a couple of CUSF meetings, as well as the meeting of the system-wide senate chairs. I would welcome the opportunity to bring my experience in shared governance to the System level, while expanding my awareness of the issues our campus has in common with colleagues throughout the state.

### **Faculty Alternate Representative Nominees**

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#### **Bryan R. Butler Sr. – Principal Agent, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources**

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# Candidacy Statements for the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) 2014-2015 Election

## **Faculty Representative Nominees**

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### **Robert Briber – Professor and Chair, A. James Clark School of Engineering**

I have been a faculty member at the University for the past 22 years, 11 of which as Chair of the MSE Department. I regularly commute to campus and understand many of the frustrations that we face in living in the DC metro area and working at UMD. As university citizens many of the decisions we make about our lives are tied to transportation issues associated with campus. As a Department Chair, I regularly interface with faculty, staff and students in our Department on transportation issues about campus and in the surrounding areas. If elected to the CTAC committee I will advocate for students, staff and faculty on transportation issues ranging from the Purple Line, parking, green commuting, Shuttle UM and Bike UM.

### **Nathan Putnam – Librarian II, University Libraries**

My name is Nathan Putnam and I am the Head of Metadata Services for the University Libraries. I am running for the faculty position on the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee. I joined the University of Maryland community last June and I am currently commuting to and from work via Metro and the UMD Shuttle. Because of this, I am interested in actively providing feedback regarding transportation options on campus since I am regularly using UMD transportation. I have worked at other state Universities where I have driven to work and used the parking services available to faculty and staff. I am keenly aware of issues facing commuters at academic institutions. Thank you for your consideration.

## **Staff Representative Nominees**

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### **Cynthia Shaw – Coordinator, Office of Undergraduate Studies**

In my 15 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 graduate student and Program Coordinator. These varying roles afford me a valuable prospective of the university and the potential to have an impact across many areas of campus.

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.

As a commuter to campus I am especially interested in all transportation and parking issues. I support the campus' sustainability initiatives and would love to see less cars and more public transportation on or near campus. However; I also realize that unless mass transit is made as convenient as possible, people will not use it. If elected I would work to bring about an equitable balance between convenience and sustainability.

### Service to the University

UGST Review committee (2008)

The Presidents Medal award committee (2009)  
The Senate (2009-2011)  
The Staff Affairs committee (2009-2011)  
The board of Regents awards committee (2008 & 2009)  
Chair of the Staff Affairs committee (2010-2011)  
The Senate Executive committee (2010-2011)  
Chair of the Family Care Resources Review Committee (2010-2011)  
Diversity Plan Implementation Committee (2010-2011)  
Inauguration Committee (2010-2011)  
CTE Assistant Director Search committee (2011 & 2012)  
Senate Nominations Committee (2011)  
Senate EDI committee (2011-2013)  
UGST Coordinator search committee (2011 & 2012)  
Senate Coordinator Search committee (2011)  
President's Commission on Women's Issues (2010-2014)  
Diversity Advisory Council (2012-2014)  
Campus Transportation Advisory Council (2011-2014)  
Thank you for any consideration

## **Undergraduate Student Senator Nominees**

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### **Amna Farooqi – College of Behavioral & Social Sciences**

As a BSOS representative in SGA, I worked with DOTS on several initiatives, such as physically displaying maps of bus routes at the bus shelters, setting up an SGA advisory subcommittee, and bringing back the Weekend Grocery Shuttle for students who live in apartments. Because of my experience with them, I'd like to continue working with them to improve transportation on campus and review policies that affect students.

### **Yasir Khattak – Robert H. Smith School of Business**

I would like to nominate myself for the campus transportation advisory committee (CTAC) of University of Maryland College Park. There are many reasons that I want to be on this committee but one particular reason is that I want to improve and make the current shuttle routes convenient for my fellow students at University of Maryland college park main campus and specifically at the shady grove campus; so the students can continue to focus on their high quality education and not worry about the inconvenience they face due to the current shuttle routes.

### **Huy Hoang Vu – College of Undergraduate Studies**

My name is Huy Hoang Vu. I recently got elected for University Senate for Letters and Sciences. And I am extremely interested in running for the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee position. I should be elected for this position because I know that reviewing fee proposals and discussing transportation issues relates to my intended major of business. Not only would my background in economics and business help advance this committee, but it would also help me grow and learn to face these issues in person and not just in the class room. And as a daily user of the UM Shuttles I know what is essential to be fixed to make the routes more efficient. Thank you for your time for reviewing my statement.

**Barret Wessel – College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences**

I'm well qualified to serve on the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee and am well versed with transportation issues on and around campus. My first two semesters here I commuted from Elkridge via car and parked on campus, and for the past two semesters I have commuted via MARC train and the campus shuttle system. The shuttle system provides an excellent transportation opportunity for students but I would like to see more education and assistance for students interested in connecting to other public transit systems; for example, MARC schedules should be available in the same location as shuttle schedules in Stamp Student Union. Many commuters aren't even aware of the options that are available to them. I would also bring a strong education in energy conservation to the committee; I am an environmental science senior and have spent the last several years studying, in part, ways to make transportation more efficient. I thank you for your consideration and I look forward to working with you to improve service and make transportation more sustainable.