



Transition Meeting Slate 2018

PRESENTED BY Patricio Korzeniewicz, Chair

REVIEW DATES SEC – April 23, 2018 | SENATE – May 9, 2018

VOTING METHOD In a single vote

RELEVANT POLICY/DOCUMENT [Bylaws of the University Senate; University of Maryland Plan of Organization for Shared Governance](#)

NECESSARY APPROVALS Senate, President

ISSUE

The Senate Nominations Committee has prepared a slate of nominees for the 2018-2019 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).

RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Senate Nominations Committee recommends the attached slate of nominees for election at the May 9, 2018 Transition Meeting of the University Senate.

COMMITTEE WORK

The Nominations Committee began recruitment efforts in January 2018. The committee sent announcements for the self-nominations period to all continuing and incoming Faculty, Staff, and Student Senators. The Nominations Committee met on five separate occasions to discuss nominees and recruitment efforts: February 2, March 9, March 30, April 3, and April 17, 2018.

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 Senate Bylaws. The Nominations Committee endeavored to create balanced slates with representation from across campus.

The Nominations Committee voted in favor of approving the attached slate on April 17, 2018.

ALTERNATIVES

The Senate could decide not to accept the slate of nominees for the elections.

RISKS

There are no risks to the University.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

Slate of Candidates for the Senate Executive Committee, 2018-2019 Election

Submitted by the Senate Nominations Committee

Faculty Senator Nominees (Seven will be Elected)

- David Bigio A. James Clark School of Engineering, *Mechanical Engineering*
- Benjamin Blake University Libraries
- Debabrata Biswas College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, *Animal & Avian Sciences*
- Kim Coles College of Arts & Humanities, *English*
- Cynthia Frank University Libraries
- Jason Kahn College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences, *Chemistry & Biochemistry*
- Pamela Lanford Division of Research, *Office of Research Compliance*
- Marc Pound College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences, *Astronomy*
- Edward Priola College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, *Institute of Applied Agriculture*
- William Robin College of Arts & Humanities, *School of Music*
- Neil Sehgal School of Public Health, *Health Services Administration*
- Dylan Selterman College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, *Psychology*
- Tyson Slocum Undergraduate Studies, *University Honors Program*
- Tunay Tunca Robert H. Smith School of Business, *Decision, Operations & Information Technologies*
- Uzi Vishkin A. James Clark School of Engineering, *Electrical & Computer Engineering*

Exempt Staff Senator Nominees (One will be Elected)

- Kristin Stenson College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences, *Physics*
- Amy Zimmer Division of Administration & Finance, *Procurement & Strategic Sourcing*

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

- Chen Chin Division of Administration & Finance, *Facilities Management*
- Antonietta Jennings Division of Research, *Institute for Governmental Service & Research*

Graduate Student Senator Nominees (Two will be Elected)

- Chibuike Abana A. James Clark School of Engineering
- Gustavo Garcia Robert H. Smith School of Business
- Annie Rappeport College of Education
- Nishat Seraj College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences

Undergraduate Student Senator Nominees (Two will be Elected)

- Harry Huntley College of Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Mehrnaz Ighani School of Public Health
- Sasha Kahn College of Behavioral & Social Sciences
- Jessica Yin College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences

Slate of Candidates for the Committee on Committees, 2018-2019 Election
Submitted by the Senate Nominations Committee

Faculty Senator Nominees (Three will be Elected)

- Eric Kutz College of Arts & Humanities, *School of Music*
- Charles D. Levermore College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences, *Mathematics*
- Jo Zimmerman School of Public Health, *Kinesiology*

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

- Chen Chin Division of Administration & Finance, *Facilities Management*

Graduate Student Senator Nominees (One will be Elected)

- Aldrich Raja A. James Clark School of Engineering

Undergraduate Student Senator Nominees (One will be Elected)

- Noah Fortson Philip Merrill College of Journalism

Slate of Candidates for the 2018-2019 Senate-Elected Councils and Committees

Submitted by the Senate Nominations Committee

University Athletic Council Slate 2018-2019

Faculty Representative Nominees (Three will be Elected)

- Amelia Arria School of Public Health, *Behavioral & Community Health*
 - Oscar Barbarin College of Behavioral & Social Sciences, *African American Studies*
 - Kenneth Elpus College of Arts & Humanities, *School of Music*
 - Daniel E. Falvey College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences, *Chemistry & Biochemistry*
 - Curtis M. Grimm Robert H. Smith School of Business, *Logistics, Business, & Public Policy*
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Council of University System Faculty (CUSF) Slate 2018-2019

Faculty Representative Nominees (Three Full-Time Reps and One Alternate Rep will be Elected)

- Daniel E. Falvey College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences, *Chemistry & Biochemistry*
 - Jason Geary College of Arts & Humanities, *School of Music*
 - Marcia Shofner College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences, *Entomology*
 - Marvin Titus College of Education, *Counseling, Higher Education, & Special Education*
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Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Slate 2018-2019

Faculty Representative Nominees (One will be Elected)

- Paul Schonfeld A. James Clark School of Engineering, *Civil & Environmental Engineering*

Exempt Staff Representative Nominees (One will be Elected)

- Brian Falasca Division of Research

Non-Exempt Staff Representative Nominees (One will be Elected)

- Jordan Carter-Reich Division of Student Affairs, *Resident Life*

Undergraduate Representative Nominees (One will be Elected)

- Benjamin Reichard College of Behavioral & Social Sciences

Candidacy Statements for the Chair-Elect 2018-2019 Election

Chair-Elect Nominees

Kim Coles, Associate Professor, Department of English, College of Arts & Humanities

I am honored to have been asked to stand for the position of Chair-Elect of the Senate Executive Committee. I have been at the University of Maryland for 13 years, and am currently completing my first year as a Campus Senator and a member of the Senate Executive Committee.

I organized and executed a campus-wide initiative, “Democracy Then and Now: Citizenship and Public Education,” in the fall of 2016. The experience connected me to various departments and administrative offices across campus. I am now very familiar with the workings of the university campus and the various administrative offices of the ARHU Dean, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, the Office of the Provost and of the President. “Democracy Then and Now” was a campus-wide initiative exploring the central role of public education in the development of American democracy (<http://dtn.umd.edu>). DTN asked students, faculty, and staff to consider what good public education means now in terms of civic participation, political representation, and full citizenship rights for all people in this country. It captured ten different departments in its programming, involved various colleges, departments, and centers, and brought writers and speakers to campus, such as MacArthur Fellow (2016) and poet, Claudia Rankine (author of *Citizen: An American Lyric*). The organization of this cross-campus initiative gave me insight into how campus cooperation can be introduced and enhanced. It allowed me to see how various bodies within the university are run, and enabled me to understand the various commitments that animate individual departments and colleges. This perspective will serve me well as the Chair-Elect of a committee that engages in oversight of the university campus.

With respect to my colleagues in the sciences—and respect is due—I think it is time for a member of the Humanities faculty to serve (eventually) as Chair of the SEC. This is not only to have representation from different areas of the campus, which is itself extremely important; it is also to have the benefit of different skills and competencies. I teach early modern English literature, in Gen Ed as well as advanced courses in our department. As a discipline, English stresses analysis and argument: students read the codes of complicated texts and reassemble them in the structure of their own arguments. If a life-long love of Milton or Spenser is not the real objective of an English course, making the students better able to read the world around them and empowering them to express their ideas certainly is. Due to the method of such instruction, I spend a lot of my time talking to students: I spend a lot of time listening to them, but I also spend a lot of time putting complex ideas in the simplest terms possible. Both skills strike me as applicable to the role of SEC Chair. In my various administrative roles in my department, a great deal of my time and effort is involved in internal evaluation, learning-outcomes assessment, and the advising and mentoring of students. This marks a conviction on the part of my department that the improvement of student experience comes through constant self-assessment and course correction. This seems a good model for other modes of campus governance and campus life.

The experience of serving on the Senate Executive Committee, the interaction with the other committee members, the campus administrators, the Provost and the President, has allowed me to forge the relationships requisite to the position of Chair-Elect. I have tried to be an active listener in our meetings, and to be engaged as much in questions as in answers. Working to be more inclusive of various opinions around the table, from various perspectives around the campus, and to build consensus from these points of view, has been the particular skill set that I have tried to cultivate. As Chair-Elect, I will prepare for the role of Chair of the Senate Executive Committee; I hope to foster consensus within it, and promote campus cooperation outside of it, in order to complete the important work that is in front of us.

Pamela Lanford, Director of Animal Research Support & IACUC Administrator, Office of Research Compliance, Division of Research

I am pleased and honored to be nominated for the position of Chair of the UMD University Senate. UMD is an important part of my life - I have been affiliated with the University for nearly 27 years, first as a graduate student and later as a faculty member. Being the PTK Senator representative from the Division of Research,

and serving on the Senate Executive Committee, the Committee on Committees, and ad hoc Senate committees has only deepened my connection to our institution, and I would be thrilled with the opportunity to learn about and contribute more to our community.

I am first and foremost a scientist and an educator, and spent many years teaching and managing undergraduate lab courses in the biological sciences. I have been a faculty representative to the Office of Student Conduct, have worked on multiple curriculum initiatives in the Life Sciences, and participated in the Learning Outcomes Assessment for Life Sciences CORE faculty committee.

In more recent years I have served the University in an administrative capacity, first as program coordinator for the ADVANCE Program for Inclusive Excellence, and currently as Administrator and Vice Chair of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). With ADVANCE I served on the President's Commission on Women's Issues, became a member of the Rainbow Terrapin Network, and oversaw the ADVANCE Interdisciplinary Seed Grant awards process, which put me in touch with faculty and administrators from all parts of campus. In my current position as IACUC Administrator, I regularly interact with faculty, post-docs and students, and sit on the Institutional Biosafety Committee, the Facilities Advisory Committee, and the Research Support Oversight Committee.

The variety of ways that I have worked and served within the University have provided me with a greater global context and understanding of how the university works, but I would look forward to expanding my knowledge and my contributions. My time as Senator has been very rewarding, and I would be thrilled and deeply honored to serve as Chair of the University Senate.

Candidacy Statements for the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) 2018-2019 Election

Faculty Senator Nominees

David Bigio, Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering, A. James Clark College of Engineering

No candidacy statement submitted for consideration.

Debabrata Biswas, Associate Professor, Animal & Avian Sciences, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources

It is an honor to be nominated for a faculty member seat on the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) by Dr. Christopher Walls, the Senate Chair Elected. My experience offers a unique experience as I have transitioned from student in both developing and developed countries to faculty member at the UMD through several postdoctoral and research faculty trainings in Canada and US. My active participation in various committees in my department (ANSC), college (AGNR) and campus provides a perspective forged from developing and executing strategies to see positive change become a reality and its role in improving diversity, efficiency and directing to upwards. Thus, I believe I would be a valuable asset to the SEC and this opportunity will allow me to get engaged and work as a member of the senate committee.

As the senate particularly committees lead by SEC can conduct dialog with the administration, offer press releases, lobby with legislators, and join in with other institutions (such as big ten) to tackle larger issues and collect or exchange required information through listening to faculty members, staffs and students, I would like to speak together often about the central issues at this great institution and participate actively to the acts of the UMD community. If I get the opportunity to serve as a faculty member of SEC, I will be happy to involve in suggestion priorities for budgeting (whether listened to or not); in suggesting standards for academic freedom (and explaining to its member what it is, and what it is not) and provide input to sustainable activities on campus and/or statewide.

Benjamin Blake, Librarian II, University Libraries

As a new faculty member starting my third year on campus as the Special Collections Librarian for Labor Studies and my first term in the Senate, I believe I could bring a fresh voice to the Executive Committee exploring new ways to make the university more inclusive and supportive of diversity, better connected to the Libraries as a leading factor in building the academic community and more allied with community forces, such as the labor movement, to gain greater public support for acquiring the expanded resources the university needs.

Although new to Maryland, I have over 17 years of experience as an archivist/librarian, specializing in labor history archives. This experience, in a variety of institutions, has taught me how important diversity, leadership and resources are to building a stronger academic community. If elected to the Executive Committee, my goal would be to immediately contribute in each of these areas in any way I can to help move the university forward.

Kim Coles, Associate Professor, English, College of Arts & Humanities

This will be my second year on the Senate, and I have also served one year on the Senate Executive committee. Last year, I made that case that I was familiar with the workings of the university campus and the various administrative offices because I had organized and executed a campus-wide initiative in the fall of 2016, Democracy Then and Now: Citizenship and Public Education. Democracy Then & Now was a campus-wide initiative exploring the central role of public education in the development of American democracy (<http://dtn.umd.edu>). The experience connected me to various departments and administrative offices across campus. But the experience of the Senate Executive Committee, the interaction with the other committee members, the campus administrators, the Provost and the President, has given me a much greater insight into the workings of the campus and how I might assist them. It has given me insight into how campus cooperation can be introduced and enhanced. It has allowed me to see how various bodies within the university are run, and it has enabled me to understand the various commitments that animate individual departments and colleges.

I'm prepared to serve another year, and I think that this experience leaves me well-prepared to do so. I hope that I have been, and hope to continue to be of use on the committee that engages in oversight on the university campus. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Cynthia Frank, Librarian II, University Libraries

I spent this past year on the Senate Executive Committee, and I would like to serve again on the SEC, as I am motivated to guide our University into a strong future.

I have worked on this campus for 25 years, first in a staff position and now as a Library faculty member. I am embedded in the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, and I run the Architecture Library. I work with both undergraduate and graduate students, and my work colleagues are in the libraries and the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. As a university employee, a faculty member, an alumna and a parent of a Maryland graduate, I believe I bring a range of perspectives to the table when the SEC considers the various issues before us. I also see around us the stressors of a current political climate and social issues that will continue to affect our students lives dramatically in the near future, and we as a University will need to keep up, and support our campus community.

I will bring my experience and compassion to the decision-making process of the Senate Executive Committee.

Jason Kahn, Associate Professor, Chemistry & Biochemistry, College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences

It is an honor to be considered for the Senate Executive Committee, and I look forward to serving the University as we adjust to changes in the student population, the composition of the faculty, and the changing landscape of education worldwide.

I have been at UMD since 1994 and am now an Associate Professor in the Dept. of Chemistry and Biochemistry. I view research, teaching, and service as melding into one other, not being distinct activities. Besides my own research on DNA and protein-nucleic acid interaction, I mentored a Gemstone team of 14 undergraduates, and for the last four years I have co-mentored the UMaryland iGEM (international genetically engineered machines) team. I have served on a variety of curriculum committees. As an Elevate Fellow at the TLTC, I focused on deploying simulation programs, some derived from my research, that foster active learning. I have taught courses ranging from freshman chemistry for engineers to graduate seminars in regulatory networks to an Honors seminar on nanotechnology in science, business, and fiction. I chair the campus Laboratory Operations and Safety Committee and serve on the Research Support Oversight Committee. This is my second term in the Senate, and I have served on a faculty grievance hearing board. Outside the University, I am on the editorial board of the Biophysical Journal and a judge for the Regeneron (formerly Intel) Science Talent Search.

The Senate runs much more efficiently and takes on more challenging issues now than it did in my first term (2009-2012). This trend must continue as the university strives to bring in more students with diverse backgrounds and needs and then educate them to succeed in an uncertain, interconnected, fragile world. We should take a holistic look at all aspects of the undergraduate experience, from admissions through to career placement. We must train graduate students for long-term success. We should listen more to staff and PTK faculty and give them more time for personal development. We should demand more engagement from TT faculty by providing opportunities for interactions outside their own research and scholarship and also by providing more help in balancing the increasing demands on their time. The Senate is uniquely suitable for synthesizing the views of all these constituencies. We should encourage the administration to engage with us more consistently so that the University can make better use of the wisdom of this body.

Pamela Lanford, Director of Animal Research Support & IACUC Administrator, Office of Research Compliance, Division of Research

I am very pleased and honored to be nominated to sit on the Senate Executive Committee for a second term. I have greatly enjoyed the past year's work on the SEC, and look forward to continuing my contribution to the Senate and the campus as a whole. UMD is an important part of my life - I have been affiliated with the University for nearly 27 years, first as a graduate student and later as a faculty member. I am first and foremost a scientist and an educator, but in recent years I have served the University in an administrative capacity, as

program coordinator for the ADVANCE Program for Inclusive Excellence, and as Director for Animal Research Support and Administrator of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

During my time as faculty and administrator here at UMD, I have been pleased to be a part of many college and campus-wide committees and initiatives. As an educator, I have been a faculty representative to the Office of Student Conduct, have worked on multiple HHMI-sponsored curriculum initiatives, and participated in the Learning Outcomes Assessment for Life Sciences CORE faculty committee. With ADVANCE I have served on the President's Commission on Women's Issues and became a member of the Rainbow Terrapin Network. I currently sit on the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC), the Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) and the Research Support Oversight Committee (RSOC), and have sat on two ad hoc Senate committees, Human Relations and Campus Affairs, and most recently served on the Committee on Committees. My time as Senator has been very rewarding, and I would be thrilled to continue my service to UMD as a member of the Senate Executive Committee.

Marc Pound, Senior Research Scientist, Astronomy, College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences

I seek re-election to the SEC for a third and final term.

My connection with the University goes back more than 20 years. I received my Ph.D. here in 1994, and joined the faculty as a postdoc in 1997. At that time, campus governance was the furthest thing from my mind. But, in the intervening years, I have come to appreciate the unique model of shared governance here, and its power to cultivate fairness to and respect for the many diverse voices we have in our campus community.

I have been deeply involved in Professional Track (PTK) faculty issues for the last 9 years. I was elected to the University Senate in 2009 as the sole Senator representing over 1600 Research faculty and served 2 terms. During this time, I began advocating for increased representation of what was then called non-tenure track faculty in my capacity both as a Senator and as a member and later Chair of the Elections, Representation, and Governance (ERG) Committee. We have come a long way since then, with PTK faculty now fully apportioned in the University Senate, and a broad range of issues affecting PTK academic lives are being addressed.

Because of my experience, advocacy, and dedication, I am actively sought to serve on many University committees, especially those related to faculty affairs. I am currently a member of SEC, a CMNS College Councillor, an ADVANCE Terp Ally, and finishing up another two-year term as Chair of ERG. I previously served on the Provost-Senate Task Force on Non-Tenure Track Faculty, on the Middle States Accreditation Committee, on the Faculty Affairs Committee, and chaired the FAC subcommittee that reviewed all College PTK appointment & promotion plans. While serving on these committees, I have seen up close the complex interweave of academic freedom, excellence in education for our students, workplace satisfaction, and effective and efficient administration, that makes up the fabric of our university.

I believe in service; I believe in shared governance; I believe in advocating for beneficial change; I believe in rolling up one's sleeves and getting the job done. As a member of the SEC, I will continue to collaboratively work with the broad array of campus stakeholders to achieve positive changes in our community, while ensuring the perspectives of PTK faculty are considered.

Edward Priola, Senior Lecturer, Institute of Applied Agriculture, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources

The UMD Senate needs strong representation for Professional Track Faculty (PTK). My credentials fit the bill. After working in the private sector for a couple of decades, I joined UMD in 2012 as an Oral Communication Lecturer. Since then, I earned a Doctor of Management degree and was promoted to Senior Lecturer. I bring fresh perspectives informed by years of working as a USAID contractor to develop civil society in Afghanistan, Albania, and Romania. These experiences gave me a deep sensitivity for working in multicultural organizations.

I have served as a UMD Senator for two years now. My policy interests center on: (a) the challenges of

safeguarding free-speech and academic freedom while powerfully confronting hateful behavior, and (b) promoting the professional advancement of UMD's PTK community.

William Robin, Assistant Professor, School of Music, College of Arts & Humanities

I am excited for the opportunity to serve on the Senate Executive Committee. I am finishing my second year as an assistant professor of musicology at UMD, and though this will be my first term on the Senate, I have already served on several School of Music committees and have significant committee experience from my graduate studies at UNC Chapel Hill. Having recently arrived at Maryland, I am enthusiastic to bring a fresh perspective to how the university operates. I am eager to contribute a strong faculty perspective to the major issues that have been shaping our campus and, having recently completed my PhD, I also seek to amplify the voices of students. Finally, I hope that my work as a public musicologist—I contribute regularly to the *New Yorker* and the *New York Times*—can provide insights into on how the university might better serve the larger community.

Neil Sehgal, Assistant Professor, Health Services Administration, School of Public Health

Though I am new to the University Senate, the arena of campus committee service is well familiar to me, and I have embraced opportunities for service at every stage of my academic career. The opportunity to participate in shared governance was for me, as I'm sure for many of you, a key reason for my pursuit of a career in the academy, and a responsibility I don't take lightly. Parallel to my commitment to campus service is my commitment to public higher education – I feel a responsibility to leverage the power of the University to change society, and in my mind there is no more democratic place to push for that than a campus such as ours.

A key motivation for my campus service has been to build community among faculty across disciplines, with students, and the community at large. In my two years at UMD I have embraced opportunities for service to SPH and the University. This year I helped launch the Robert and Barbara Gold Public Health Innovation Award, a competition which was successful both in catalyzing a culture of innovation at SPH and in elevating the ideas of our students (with both Gold Awardees working on bringing their innovations to market). Additionally, I serve as the faculty representative to the SPH Alumni Association, helping link our academic programs with the School's alumni. Within my department I serve as the co-faculty advisor for the Health Services Administration Student Association and the advisor to the Health Services Administration case competition teams, coaching student teams competing in the Washington Metropolitan Area Chapter of the National Association of Health Services Executives Health Innovation Competition and the National Association of Health Services Executives Everett V. Fox Student Case Competition, dedicating time and energy to foster a positive environment for HLSA students outside of the classroom. Finally, I have served enthusiastically on the Diversity Committee, as a volunteer for the Mid-Maryland Mission of Mercy and Health Equity Festival, and is helping develop a cloud research computing environment for SPH faculty.

In addition to my service within the School, I have been an ambassador for SPH on campus serving on the Future of Information Alliance Brainstorming Board, and representing the School of Public Health on the UMD Banneker/Key Scholarship selection committee and the Research Technologies Working Group.

I hope that my experiences and perspective will be helpful to my service as a University Senator, and I would be honored to devote them and my diligence as a member of the Senate Executive Committee.

Dylan Selterman, Lecturer, Psychology, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences

I am very excited to be considered for a position on the University Senate Executive Committee. I am completing my 7th year working as a Lecturer in the Psychology Department (BSOS). Aside from teaching and a modest research program, I engage in meaningful service to the university community and to my field. I have been a university Senator for the past 2 years and serve(d) on several committees at UMD including: (a) PTK Faculty Awards Committee, (b) PTK Appointment, Evaluation & Promotion Committee, (c) Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) Advisory Board, (d) Gen Ed Humanities & Social Sciences Faculty Board, (e) Educational Affairs Committee, and (f) Banneker/Key Scholarship Selection Committee. I also served on the Senate executive committee at SUNY Stony Brook, where I completed my doctorate in psychology (Ph.D., 2011), and where I was the president of the Graduate Student Organization. Thus, I have a strong background and familiarity with university politics that make me well qualified for this role. I wish to bring my experience and perspective to the University Senate leadership. I hope to represent the interests of all constituencies, but

especially those who are in marginalized or underrepresented groups. More information about me can be found on my UMD faculty page: <https://go.umd.edu/3WQ> and my professional webpage: <https://go.umd.edu/3nb>.

Tyson Slocum, Lecturer, University Honors Program, Undergraduate Studies

Thank you for considering placing my name on the ballot for the Senate Executive Committee. I am a new member of the Faculty Senate representing the interests of part-time faculty. Since 2011, I have been a part-time member of the faculty in the Honors College, where I teach a seminar on the roles competing advocacy groups play in shaping legislative and regulatory outcomes on national energy and climate policy. In my full-time “day” job, I serve as the Energy Program Director for Public Citizen, Inc., a national research and advocacy organization dedicated to consumer protection and government accountability to the public interest.

My interest in serving on the Executive Committee involves ensuring that part-time faculty have a voice in University affairs. Part-time faculty provide both a unique role at the University and have distinctive challenges that would benefit from representation on the Executive Committee. Should I be granted the privilege of serving on the Executive Committee, I pledge to listen to the needs of part-time faculty and represent their interests, keep an open mind on issues before the Committee, and prioritize collaboration with my Committee members to advance the interests of part-time faculty. Thank you so much for your consideration!

Tunay Tunca, Professor, Decision, Operations & Information Technologies, Robert H. Smith School of Business

I consider service as an important part of being a faculty member. As faculty at the University of Maryland, I have served in many different capacities to the Robert H. Smith School of Business and the University, including founding and leading the Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSBA) program, Smith Analytics Consortium, serving as a member of the Smith School Faculty Council, Dean’s Task Force on the Ph.D. program, Smith School Teaching Evaluation Task Force, M.S. Oversight Committee, and the past two years, as a University Senator from the Smith School. I have been at the University of Maryland as a faculty member for seven years. Prior to joining the Smith School, I was a faculty member at the Stanford Graduate School of Business, and I have also been a visiting scholar at the University of Pennsylvania and at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. My research has received recognition and awards from various scholarly organizations, including INFORMS, M&SOM, POMS, and CSAMSE.

In all capacities I serve, I try to bring together all involved parties together as much as possible. As a business faculty, I have also always tried to bridge academia and business communities as well, closely working with companies such as Hewlett Packard and Yahoo Inc., as well as fostering relationships between companies like Deloitte, KPMG and Unilever and the University of Maryland. I also believe teaching deserves utmost attention of a faculty member as well. During my time at the Smith School, I have won a number of teaching awards including the 2014 Allen J. Krowe Teaching Excellence Award, as well as the 2015, 2016 and 2017 Distinguished Teaching Awards.

I do believe that University of Maryland has an important mission and tremendous potential to make impact for the good. For this, I believe that all members of the university community should be working together and through mutual understanding. If elected, I hope to serve to help the University fulfill its mission under these guiding principles.

Uzi Vishkin, Professor, Electrical & Computer Engineering, A. James Clark School of Engineering

I joined the UMD faculty 3 decades ago after serving on the faculty of 3 other universities, and soon learned that UMD has its unique way of incorporating the concept of shared governance (SG) into its checks and balances. However, I have witnessed various ways in which SG has been weakening over the years. I am a great believer that strong SG is an enabler of a thriving university; in particular, for having the people that comprise UMD operate as stakeholders. If elected to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), I plan to do my best towards reasserting SG at UMD. For example, I would like to see in place: (i) systematic gathering of qualitative and quantitative information on the state of SG from various UMD constituencies; without that it will be difficult to figure out where shared governance needs strengthening, and (ii) more streamlined implementation of SG with UMD administrators.

Exempt Staff Senator Nominees

Kristin Stenson, Coordinator, Physics, College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences

It would be an honor to represent the exempt staff on the Senate Executive Committee. Most recently I have served on the Committee on Committees. In the past, I served on the Staff Affairs Committee where we deliberated on changing health care policies, exploring how we can make working at the University more inclusive to a culturally diverse staff, and giving phenomenal employees recognition via the USM Board of Regent Awards. In addition, I have served on the Senate Executive Committee where we discussed a number of important issues that affect staff members such as the transition to the big ten, improving campus safety, the medical marijuana policy, and the effects of budget cuts on campus. My favorite part of being on the SEC was reviewing the new proposals that would come through the Senate.

My campus experience began in 2006 as in the Department of Procurement and Supply and as an undergraduate student. I am currently employed in the University's Physics Department, and a past graduate student in the Smith School of Business. My past university position in Procurement allowed me to be involved in many facets that comprise this institution, such as the construction of new facilities, collaborative efforts with surrounding communities, purchase of the latest technology, and responsible surplus property disposal. My multiple roles on campus give 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 serving on the SEC.

Amy Zimmer, Coordinator, Procurement & Strategic Sourcing, Division of Administration & Finance

It is my honor to be nominated for a seat on the University of Maryland Senate Executive Committee. Over the past year serving as a University Senator, I have developed a stronger understanding of the importance of shared governance on our campus. I feel my role as an Exempt staff member in the Division of Administration & Finance would provide the SEC a perspective from the Administrative Departments on campus.

I respect the work of the SEC in contributing to the University mission of engaging the community, educating a diverse student body, and the pursuit of Fearless Ideas. When I joined the University almost 3 years ago, shared governance wasn't a thought that crossed my mind or something I was even aware of. My motivation to join the Senate stems from my belief that being actively engaged in my environment not only contributes to my personal development, but encourages the development of the thriving workplace we all desire. If nominated to the SEC, I look forward to working closely with the diverse representation of campus stakeholders to affect positive change. I am ready to take on more responsibility within my role on the Senate and hope you will consider me for this position.

Non-Exempt Staff Senator Nominees

Chen Chin, Program Management Specialist, Facilities Management, Division of Administration & Finance

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My experience, maturity and ability to work individually and collaboratively with others makes me an ideal candidate to serve on this committee. As a Navy Petty Officer, my duties included decision making, thereby ensuring operational readiness wherein everything and everyone performed optimally.

As an interview panelist with the Customer Response Center here at the University, I have consistently been able to identify superior interviewees because of my training, experience, emotional maturity and disposition, which are all skills and attributes the Senate Executive Committee can leverage to its benefit.

Antonietta Jennings, Administrative Assistant II, Institute for Governmental Service & Research, Division of Research

It is a privilege to be considered as a candidate for the University of Maryland's Senate Executive Committee ballot. For more than two years, I have served as a non-exempt member of the Senate and one year on the Staff Affairs Committee. During my years of service, I have been afforded the opportunity to collaborate with diverse faculty, staff, and students to advance the University's commitment in creating and fostering a culture of diversity, trust, and inclusion. It is encouraging how the Senate uses open dialogue and continuous communication platforms to identify and integrate viable solutions that work to address the needs of the University's culturally rich community. Initiatives implemented by the University, such as the work of the Senate and Thrive Thursday, demonstrate its commitment to change. Serving on the University's Senate has been an invaluable experience and has provided a wealth of knowledge that I hope to share as a member of the Senate Executive Committee if elected. Thank you for your consideration and I look to continue my mission to stay actively involved in our University and as always GO TERPS!

Graduate Student Senator Nominees

Chibuike Abana, A. James Clark School of Engineering

My name is Chibuike S. Abana, I congratulate us all, my fellow honorable members of the senate, University of Maryland. It is indeed a new dawn and I am glad we are part of it and most especially to be part of the team that will bring forth effective and productive policies hence, leads to sustainable development in the university community, improve the life of the entire staff and students of this great institution.

My desire to run for the executive position in the senate is to continue to ensure and facilitate efficient ways to effectively achieve the core objectives of the senate as well as improve the welfare of every senate members and the study experience of students and staff of this great citadel of learning. I love serving, vote for me to serve you better. A vote for me, is a vote for sustainable development, improve welfare and productive policies!.

Gustavo Garcia, Robert H. Smith School of Business

The university senate plays a critical role in improving the educational experience for the student body. As a member of the Executive Committee I will make sure that we take on legislation that: advances learning through hands on experience, encourages cross-collaboration between schools, and promotes diversity and inclusion. My name is Gustavo Garcia and I would love the opportunity to work with all of you and make sure the UMD-Senate delivers meaningful results for its students and faculty.

I am certain that we can make a positive impact here at the University. Each of us have ideas, beneficial to the school, that we would like to see come to life. I want to work with each and everyone of you to make sure that the best ideas come to fruition and we leave the school a better one than the one we inherited.

I very much look forward to working with you all and congratulations on been elected senator.

Annie Rappeport, College of Education

I will be an incoming 3rd year Ph.D. student in the fall in the College of Education, International Education and Policy program. My concentration in my field is peace studies where I focus on both the establishment of negative peace (absence of war, conflict, violence) and positive peace (presence of compassion, community, respect, love). During my first year, I learned about the shared governance model at UMD and decided to get involved. As a member of the UMD Senate during the 2017-2018 academic year I have learned so much and would now like to increase my role to include a committee.

As a graduate student senator, I have been present at meetings and involved outside of meeting getting more members of my college involved in the issues the senate is working on. I have taken initiative to connect and act as a conduit to other graduate student, undergraduates, faculty and staff. I actively worked to bridge information across graduate student organizations and governance structures. My priorities in the role would be interdisciplinary and cross-community efforts to improve aspects of the greater UMD community for student, faculty and staff.

Nishat Seraj, College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences

My name is Nishat Seraj and I am a Graduate Student pursuing my doctorate in Biochemistry. I would like to be considered for the position of serving on the Senate Executive Committee for the Graduate position. I have already served for one year and this will be my second year. My experience serving previously as Vice President of Legislative Affairs for the Graduate Student Government as well as serving on the Rules and Legislative Committee might lend itself to be very valuable in evaluating the proposals that come towards the Senate's way. My detail-oriented manner, to my meticulous, analytical eye for evaluating proposals and legislation can serve the Senate in the best way with this task. My sense of compassion and open-mindedness ensures that a constant flow of ideas is ceaseless. This position would grant me the opportunity to expand my understanding of the needs of the hardworking, dedicated individuals on campus who serve every facet of the ecosystem of this University. To be able to engage in policy-making in this productive way is a powerful tool to shape the trajectory of the University's future and one I would be very grateful to utilize to ensure positive changes are made for the betterment of the University community. Please consider voting for me to be on the Senate Executive Committee. I would greatly appreciate your support and vote!

Undergraduate Student Senator Nominees

Harry Huntley, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources

I want to be re-elected to the Senate Executive Committee to champion student interests in the face of the overwhelming structural majority that faculty members hold in the University Senate. Again and again in my first term as a Senator, I have seen the interests of students being overruled or overlooked by faculty and staff to a lesser extent. Students need someone who is experienced in organizing and willing to speak up to the administration for their interests. The Senate has a significant learning curve, and I know I have grown tremendously from my experience as a Senator and on the SEC. To be effective, one needs to be informed and as the incumbent, I have had plenty of time to learn exactly how to make real change here. Some major initiatives I have worked on in the past year include the Senate's overhaul of sexual assault prevention policies and banning criminal background questions from being considered in admissions.

I have worked previously as the Undergraduate Senator for AGNR, a political organizer, the president of my fraternity, and on the AGNR Dean's Student Advisory Council. On the SEC, I have learned and evolved but never wavered in my resolve to improve the campus, no matter who I'm arguing against. Through all these roles, I have learned how to effectively organize students across the campus and the state. If elected to the SEC, I would continue to work with constituents and my fellow Senators to fight for positive changes on campus that can impact the whole world.

Sasha Kahn, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences

My name is Alex Kahn and I am a junior Government & Politics and Architecture double major serving as one of the BSOS Senators next year. This is my first session with the University Senate but I have worked as a member of the executive for several years now on the SGA. Last semester, I collaborated with prominent members to pass a resolution requiring that all sidewalks or roadside walkways closed on campus by construction be temporarily replaced by alternative, accessible routes. It passed unanimously but virtually nothing could be enforced without a proper University Senate resolution. I hope to bridge that gap.

Through the Executive Committee, I see myself actively pursuing the passage and enforcement of many student-advocated policies. My agenda includes working with the University Health Center to provide more accessible hours, promoting increased development along Route 1, reevaluating student fees, and assessing the wasteful use of aluminum on campus. I have discussed innovative solutions to wifi issues, campus composting, mental health resources, and many other concerns with you all, and I look forward to working alongside you in the Executive Committee to accomplish our goals.

Mehrnaz Ighani, School of Public Health

The Senate Executive Committee is a vehicle through which the actions of the University Senate are explained; it enhances the effectiveness of the University Senate by providing advice needed for policy decisions and can be an instrument for initial implementation of policies. By becoming a member of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) I'm willing to spend a fair amount of time brainstorming and discussing ideas. This allows for

open conversation about the issues and challenges students and faculty members are facing and helps provide solutions to problems that will benefit the UMD population. As a member of the SEC, I will continually update my knowledge about the context in which the committee operates, ensure that the committee remains viable and effective both in the present and for the future, think analytically, creatively, and laterally, and improve my interpersonal and communication skills. My biggest desire is to strive for excellency by listening to all perspectives and to have a stake in the future to get involved and to chart the course of that future.

Jessica Yin, College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences

My name is Jessica Yin, and I would be honored to serve on the Senate Executive Committee. As an active student leader on-campus, I am constantly engaged in student life and therefore invested in improving the operations of this university. I strive to continue the conversation on how the university can cater all of its demographics and create an environment of fellow scholars and learners working together. The Senate Executive Committee position presents an opportunity for me to express the concerns of my fellow students to President Loh and his cabinet members who are also deeply vested in this university. Direct access to influential leaders increases cooperation and allows more effective implementation of policies curated by the Senate. My goals are to push for policies that promote diversity, increase accountability from all parties, ease transition to and from college, and provide resources for more accessible health and advising.

While being on SEC, I would attend to matters that I believe promote student health. My greatest priority would be strengthening feedback from students, professors, and administrators so that no group feels alienated or unheard. The university currently lacks a system that automatically connects students with the people in charge of the quality of their education and campus life. I would advocate for department town halls that allow everyone to voice concerns and formulate solutions together. I would be a compassionate, driven, and qualified candidate for this position. My compassion stems from my ability to compromise and be patient with other people's concerns. Additionally, I am an ambitious leader with expertise campaigning and organizing service trips. Lastly, I have experience as a student representative because I served on the MCPS Student Advisory Board.

Candidacy Statements for the Committee on Committees 2018-2019 Elections

Faculty Senator Nominees

Eric Kutz, Assistant Professor, School of Music, College of Arts & Humanities

I am honored to have been nominated to the Senate Committee on Committees. I have been a member of the Senate since I joined the faculty at UMD in 2015, first as a sabbatical leave replacement and now as a regular member. My experience in the Senate has given me an appreciation of the importance of our shared governance, and I will bring a commitment to recruiting representative, dedicated members of our campus community for service on the Senate's committees. I have served exclusively as a faculty member at UMD. At my previous position I served both as a faculty member and as Chair of Humanities and Fine Arts, as well as Coordinator of Applied Strings.

Charles D. Levermore, Professor, Mathematics, College of Computer, Mathematics, and Natural Sciences

No candidacy statement submitted for consideration.

Jo Zimmerman, Lecturer & Director, Kinesiology, School of Public Health

I am a lecturer in the Department of Kinesiology, and the Physical Activity Program Director. I earned my undergraduate and master's degrees from George Mason University, and have held the ACSM Certified Exercise Physiologist (formerly known as ACSM Health Fitness Specialist) certification since 1996, the NSPA Strength and Conditioning Specialist credential since 2001, and the ACSM Exercise is Medicine credential since 2012. I have been working in the health and fitness industry for over 25 years and university teaching for over 20 years. My research interests are focused on the effects of physical activity and exercise on brain function in apparently healthy adults. By measuring behavior along with functional brain imaging we can strengthen the evidence that supports keeping active throughout the lifespan.

I have completed my first year serving as PTK Senator representing Kinesiology and the School of Public Health. I find the Senate work interesting and informative, and I'm pleased to continue in my present role. Previously I served as a PTK faculty representative on the Staff Affairs committee (3 years) and the Staff Awards subcommittee (2 years). Within the KNES department I am the Chair of the Undergraduate committee (2 years) and the Physical Activity committee (4 years), and sit on the Undergraduate Awards committee (3 years). At the School level I am a member of the Maryland Day committee, the Communications committee, and informally, the ongoing renovations committee.

I am interested in the additional opportunity of serving on the Committee on Committees. I see this as a chance to continue learning about the balance of cooperation and competition in the operations of this University, and to contribute to maintaining as fair a balance as feasible. Being able to observe and support the work of all the standing and ad hoc Senate committees makes this an exciting opportunity. Thank you for your consideration.

Non-Exempt Staff Senator Nominees

Chen L. Chin, Program Management Specialist, Facilities Management, Division of Administration & Finance

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Committee on Committees, on which I would be privilege to serve. With 40 years of work experience that includes over a decade of service in the U.S. Navy and 19 years here at University of Maryland, College Park (UMD), I believe I would be a good fit.

My experience, maturity and ability to work individually and collaboratively with others makes me an ideal candidate to serve on this committee. As a Petty Officer, my duties included assigning the correct individual in the job, thereby ensuring operational readiness wherein everything and everyone performed optimally. These are skills and attributes that can benefit the Committee on Committees greatly.

In addition, monitoring, assessing and evaluating performance has consistently been part of my duties, first in the Navy and then here at UMD. I can easily detect when someone is a good fit for a position and have been very successful as an interview panelist with the Customer Response Center. I have consistently been able to identify superior interviewees because of my ability to recognize people's potential.

Graduate Student Senator Nominees

Aldrich Raja, A. James Clark School of Engineering

I am a Master's student enrolled in the Sustainable Energy Engineering program. I am almost at the end of my 1st year, which taught me great values in life. I was torn and shattered but still took the effort and respawned every time. It is a great privilege serving the University Senate as a Senator for the next academic year. Serving for the Committee on Committees team is even more fascinating.

When I was nominated by the nominations committee, I was also made aware what the functions of the Committee on Committees were. I understood that the Committee on Committees is responsible for the identification and recruitment of individuals for service on Senate, University, and System committees and councils. During my Undergrad and High school, I have taken leadership roles like General Secretary, Entrepreneurship Cell Student Head and Soccer team captain. One common function in all of these roles was that I had to choose a team to carry out the mission we were instilled to do. I did pretty well in that, the teams I chose were very supportive and talented. We had very good memories, hosting events and winning tournaments. The strongest trait of mine, which I still believe is the best of me is that I am a very friendly person. It has helped me to be an efficient leader and a good team member.

I strongly believe that I can carry out the mission of the Committee on Committees with great sense of responsibility. I will also ensure that through this role I will strive to make the University system better and provide more fruitful experience for all the students who comprise the system.

Undergraduate Student Senator Nominees

Noah Fortson, Philip Merrill College of Journalism

My name is Noah Fortson, university senator for the Philip Merrill School of Journalism. As a journalist, I understand well the values of balance and fairness. The purpose of the UMD University Senate is to ensure the student body is properly represented in conversations with the administration. It is impossible for us to fulfill this purpose if we do not have equal representation within our own committees. I have a unique ability to recognize potential in others and always maintain an open mindset when presented with alternative viewpoints. I believe suppressing any opinion compromises the interest of the greater good. Our university should be a place of teamwork and collaboration where every voice is heard and listened to. I would like to play a role in making this a reality. I look forward to working with you all and I trust you will strongly consider nominating me as a member of the Committee on Committees.

Candidacy Statements for the University Athletic Council 2018-2019 Election

Faculty Nominees

Amelia Arria, Associate Professor & Director, Behavioral & Community Health, School of Public Health

I would be honored to serve on the University Athletic Council. I believe I can bring a fresh perspective to the important work of the Council and I am deeply committed to maximizing the potential of our student athletes. For almost twenty years, I have been actively engaged in research on the behavioral health of college students. I have been a member of the University community as a research faculty member since 1999, and in 2013 received a tenured position in my current department. During my academic career, I have had the privilege of serving the University in many ways—as the Chair of the Faculty Senate of the School of Public Health since 2015 and most recently as a member of the President’s Sexual Assault Prevention Task Force. I am also the PI on a policy initiative funded by the Maryland Department of Health to provide technical assistance and training to fifteen universities across Maryland. This work helps to ensure that the policies and strategies college implement with respect to excessive drinking are rooted in the best scientific evidence possible. Because college athletes are at heightened risk for excessive drinking, I have specifically made interventions for college athletes a particular focus of our work. For example, we have advocated for training of athletic professionals to help them have meaningful conversations with student athletes about high-risk behavior and facilitating help-seeking to available and appropriate campus resources. I believe participating on the Council will enable me to learn from my colleagues to understand the broader set of issues around student athletes and make valuable contributions to the Council’s work.

Oscar Barbarin, Professor & Chair, African American Studies, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences

This year I was honored to have been elected to and serve on the Senate executive committee. Much has happened during my brief tenure that has shaped my views of the University and the challenges we face in carrying out our mission. Like many at UMD I was very moved by the violent death of Lieut. Collins on our campus and all the issues that surfaced for students and faculty in the aftermath. I have been involved in the University’s committee to examine issues of diversity, free speech and inclusion. In the process I have also become aware of the difficult and complex challenges the University faces. I have had the opportunity to witness firsthand the talent, wisdom and dedication of our administrators who bear the burden of steering the University in difficult times. These experiences have deepened my admiration for the faculty, staff and students of this University. These new perspectives have led me to think deeply about where my own energies might be best deployed to achieve the most good.

As the chair of the African-American studies department and classroom teacher I have seen firsthand the stressors experienced by our students particularly those who come from ethnic minority and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. I have witnessed and listened to accounts of their struggles and come to appreciate the sometimes overwhelming odds and distractions they face in deploying their talents to excel in their academic studies. Nowhere is this challenge greater than for student athletes. I would like to invest my own time and energy in thinking about how we can do better by them and help prepare them for their future careers and their lives as citizens, family members and perhaps parents. It is for this reason I placed my name in nomination for election to the University Athletic Council. My hope is to learn about the current efforts to support our student athletes be successful and to contribute my own ideas to build on those efforts and advance that goal.

Kenneth Elpus, Associate Professor, School of Music, College of Arts & Humanities

I am honored to be a candidate for the Athletic Council. Currently, I am Associate Professor of Music Education in the College of Arts & Humanities and am in my second year as Senator representing the School of Music. I have been on the faculty at Maryland since 2011, when I was appointed Assistant Professor upon earning my doctorate at Northwestern University. My prior service work includes service on committees for the School of Music (undergraduate and graduate PCC committees) as well as college-wide committees (most recently, the ARHU Research Committee).

Although it may not always be the preference of the professoriate, intercollegiate athletics are an integral part of the large university experience and frequently the University's most visible outward-facing element. The affiliation and attachment that students, alumni, and Maryland residents feel toward the Terrapins encourages support of the University's broader academic mission, instills state and school pride, and can lead to improved undergraduate recruitment for our academic programs. The academic recruiting impact of our transition to Big Ten athletics has become evident to me (anecdotally) in the School of Music, where the athletic Marching and Pep Bands have become the ensembles with which many of our applicants are most familiar. To me, the most important element of the Athletic Council's charge is to ensure that the intercollegiate athletic program is consistent with the academic integrity of the University and to promote the academic and social development of our scholar-athletes. If elected to serve, I will keep these priorities foremost in my work with the Council.

Daniel E. Falvey, Professor, Chemistry & Biochemistry, College of Computer, Mathematics, & Natural Sciences

It is an honor to be nominated to run for a position on the Athletic Council. To the general public, athletics is arguably the most visible activity at major universities in this country, including ours. It has been said that athletics serves as the front porch of most major universities, meaning that it's not necessarily the most important part of the house, but is the room that everyone sees first. A well-run athletic program can bring positive visibility to the university by demonstrating our values of excellence and integrity. Of course all large programs have to deal with challenges in finances and ensuring that student-athletes are able to realize their goals both on the field and in the classroom. Our recent move to the Big 10 has raised the visibility of our athletic programs and has a potential to improve their financial prospects. The challenge going forward will be ensure that these increased competitive pressures can be met without imperiling the integrity of our programs. The role of the Athletic Council is to provide oversight and guidance to the programs to ensure that they are run in a financially sustainable manner and that the student-athletes leave UMD prepared for success.

I have been a member of University of Maryland community since 1989, when I was appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. I am currently a Professor and Associate Chair in that department. I have had an active, NSF-funded research program in the area of organic photochemistry since 1989. I have routinely taught courses at both the graduate and undergraduate level, advised undergraduate students and have mentored 21 Ph. D. students. I have served on numerous campus level committees including the Graduate Council from 1998-2001, the Senate Academic Procedures & Standards (APAS) Committee from 2013-2015. I first served on the University Senate from 2006-2009. During that time, I chaired the Senate Faculty Affairs Committee. Currently, I am finishing my term as Chair of the University Senate (2017-2018).

Curtis M. Grimm, Professor & Area Chair, Logistics, Business, & Public Policy, Robert H. Smith School of Business

I am interested in serving on the University Athletic Council. As a University of Maryland Distinguished Scholar-Teacher, I believe I could represent the faculty well in this regard. In my 35 years on the faculty here, I have also been active at both the University and Department level with regard to service. My university duties have included service as a Senator and the Faculty Affairs Committee, the Provost's APAC Committee, the Middlestates Review Committee, and, most recently, the Joint Task Force on the APT procedures. I am currently Department Chair, Logistics, Business and Public Policy, Robert H. Smith School of Business and have served as Chair in two separate stints covering ten years. My service activities have provided a wide range of experience I could bring to bear at the Athletic Council. In addition, my background in economics and business should be helpful in issues regarding financial matters. I have long been an active supporter of University of Maryland athletics; this has included recruiting assistance to coaches through meetings with prospective scholar-athletes to discuss and answer questions regarding academics. Our athletic programs are very important, but face many challenges which are best addressed with active faculty engagement.

Candidacy Statements for the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) 2018-2019 Election

Faculty Representative Nominees

Paul Schonfeld, Professor, Civil & Environmental Engineering, A. James Clark School of Engineering

I have been a UMD faculty member since 1978. My specialty is transportation engineering and my research has covered public transportation, road design, traffic engineering, traffic safety and parking problems, in addition to other subjects in my field, such as airports and inland waterways. I hope that my experience would be helpful in identifying and assessing possible transportation improvements within the College Park campus as well as improvements that may benefit UMD commuters and visitors.

Exempt Staff Representative Nominees

Brian Falasca, Contract Administrator, Division of Research

Transportation matters on campus are becoming increasingly important. As the reach of the University expands past the borders of the main campus, the logistics of connecting off-campus facilities and housing to the main campus are becoming paramount concerns. Additionally, as more buildings are being erected on campus, the number of parking spaces is dwindling, which is a matter that impacts almost all University employees. Finally, the Purple Line will revolutionize transportation to, from, and within the campus; planning for its impact the right way is critical in order to maximize its benefits. These three concerns – the University's physical growth, the reduction of parking, and the Purple Line – are the most significant matters that CTAC will have to address in the next few years.

I can bring a different perspective from parkers to CTAC. I have taken Metro bus and rail, as well as the Shuttle-UM bus service, every work day for nearly six years. I will bring my familiarity of these services to the Committee in order to provide a diverse opinion on transportation matters. My familiarity of Shuttle-UM will help inform how we transport people across our expanding campus; this will likely come into play when discussing parking matters as well. The fact that I take public transportation every day means that I will meaningfully contribute to how we address and plan for the Purple Line, perhaps the biggest public transportation project in our area in a generation. Given my experience, education, and mindset, I believe that I am an excellent fit for the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee, and I will help it have a more positive effect on all faculty, staff, and students at UMD and the University itself.

Non-Exempt Staff Representative Nominees

Jordan Carter-Reich, Program Management Specialist, Resident Life, Division of Student Affairs

My name is Jordan and I have been involved with the University Senate for three years now representing non-exempt staff. I have served as a University Senator and a committee member on the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee. I am interested in running for CTAC because I am interested in consolidating the voices of the campus on transportation issues. I think we have a lot of opportunity to bring together all of the constituencies at UMD to find solutions that work for everyone. I hope that by doing so, we can reduce the confusion and, quite often, frustration around transportation options on our ever-growing campus. I recognize that this will involve a lot of reaching out to non-exempt constituents to amplify their voices on campus. I look forward to hearing from all of them. Thank you for your support.

Undergraduate Student Senator Nominees

Benjamin Reichard, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences

Transportation policy is one of the most dynamic topics on campus and I would be excited to help develop it through CTAC. As a member of the Residence Hall Association, I have previously worked closely with DOTS via the Transportation Advisory Committee to approve their budget and advocate for campus transportation solutions. I have developed a personable relationship with DOTS Director David Allen, and I am familiar with their structure and priorities. As a three year resident student, I have become quite familiar with the bus system, and I am also aware of the dangerous parking shortage and what implications that could have for both resident parkers and commuter students.

I would like to use my position in CTAC to not only provide feedback on DOTS initiatives, but to advocate for innovative solutions to transportation issues. I believe that the impending parking shortage should be met with a combination of supply- and demand-based solutions to solve the problem in the short-term. However, I would also encourage DOTS to consider a longer-term strategic vision for their organization so crises like this are less likely to occur in the future. I would be honored to represent the student body on CTAC and am thankful for your consideration.

Candidacy Statements for the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF) 2018-2019 Election

Faculty Representative Nominees

Daniel E. Falvey, Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences

Thank you for considering me for a position on the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF). The University System of Maryland (USM) oversees 12 different universities as well as 2 regional centers. As part of that the USM sets budget priorities and sets system wide policies in numerous areas that eventually affect our institution. As a research/flagship institution, UMD has a mission, needs and priorities that are often distinct from those of the other institutions in the system. Therefore it is important that CUSF have vigorous representation from our campus to ensure that system wide policy-making and priority-setting is done with the needs of UMD in mind.

I have been a member of University of Maryland community since 1989, when I was appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. I am currently a Professor and Associate Chair in that department. I have had an active, NSF-funded research program in the area of organic photochemistry since 1989. I have routinely taught courses at both the graduate and undergraduate level, advised undergraduate students and have mentored 21 Ph. D. students. I have served on numerous campus level committees including the Graduate Council from 1998-2001, the Senate Academic Procedures & Standards (APAS) Committee from 2013-2015,. I first served on the University Senate from 2006-2009. During that time, I chaired the Senate Faculty Affairs Committee. Currently, I am finishing my term as Chair of the University Senate (2017-2018).

Jason Geary, Professor & Director, School of Music, College of Arts & Humanities

I eagerly and enthusiastically submit my candidacy for service on the Council of University System Faculty. As the current Director of the UMD School of Music and previous Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, Equity, and Inclusion at the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance, I have a combined 14 years of experience as an administrator and faculty member. During this time, I have gained a genuine appreciation of the many complex and challenging issues facing higher education in the United States. Such insight has been further deepened by virtue of the many opportunities I have had to serve on university-wide committees and to participate in leadership training programs, including most recently the Academic Leadership Program of the Big Ten Academic Alliance.

I would relish the chance to bring this knowledge and experience to bear on thinking about matters of importance to faculty across the University System of Maryland. I am especially keen to consider ways in which issues of access and inclusion are addressed as they pertain to faculty and also to think collectively and in creative ways about how to maintain robust support for faculty research amid increasing pressures on the state and university budget.

Marcia Shofner, Senior Lecturer, Entomology, College of Computer, Mathematical, & Natural Sciences

I have been serving students and the UMCP community as a lecturer and in administrative roles since my graduation in 2000 with a PhD in Zoology from the then-named College of Life Sciences. UMD education and service is vital to me and the opportunity to be considered to serve as a representative on the Council of University System Faculty is an honor. When I read the mission statement for CUSF, "...[to] consider and make recommendations on matters of System wide professional and education concerns to the faculty..." I was struck by the marvelous opportunity afforded to PTK faculty like myself. With over 3000 PTK faculty at UMCP, I would advocate for positive advances in our educational community while ensuring the perspectives of PTK faculty are considered. Shared governance and collaborative conversation is how positive advances happen and it is how I envision the CUSF team works.

I have been full-time at UMCP since 2005, serving as Assistant Director for Life Sciences Scholars, Assistant Director for the Biological Sciences Program in the College of Chemical and Life Sciences, and in my current

position as Senior Lecturer in the Department of Entomology. I have participated in various capacities at the University, College and Departmental levels, such as program, search, review and departmental committees, and as a faculty representative on the Student Honor Council. Having the opportunity to be a voice for lecturers at UMCP is a privilege and I hope my experience in various roles while at UMD might add perspective in our overall goal of strengthening higher education in Maryland. Thank you.

Marvin Titus, Associate Professor, Counseling, Higher Education, & Special Education, College of Education

Marvin A. Titus is an associate professor of higher education in the Department of Counseling, Special, and Higher Education at the University of Maryland, College Park. He holds a Ph.D. in education policy, planning and administration, a master's degree in economics, and a bachelor's degree in economics and history. His areas of expertise include the economics and finance of higher education, state higher education policy, and applied quantitative research techniques. Prior to joining the University of Maryland in 2007, he was an assistant professor at North Carolina State University, where he taught and did research in the Adult and Higher Education program. Before then, Marvin worked at the University System of Maryland Office for 13 years in various positions, such as a coordinator of institutional research and policy analyst.