

Slate of Candidates for the 2021-2022 Chair-Elect
Submitted by the Senate Nominations Committee

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Hearing & Speech Sciences
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Candidacy Statements for the Chair-Elect 2021-2022 Election

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Rochelle Newman, Professor and Chair, Hearing & Speech Sciences College of Behavioral & Social Sciences



I am deeply honored to be considered for the role of Chair-Elect of the University Senate. I have served at the University for almost 20 years, and am currently in my seventh year as Chair of the Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences (HESP). Before becoming Chair of HESP, I served as the Director of Graduate Studies both for my home department and for the interdisciplinary Program in Neuroscience and Cognitive Science. I have also served on the Graduate School Council, chaired the Graduate School's Programs, Curricula & Courses (PCC) Committee, am an Associate Director of the Maryland Language Science Center, and this past year, I served on two COVID-related task forces.

The next two years promise to be an important period of transition for the university. Our plans to return to campus in the fall will inevitably result in a host of new and unexpected challenges, not least being the psychological impact of being in close quarters with other people, particularly for those within our community who have been most personally affected by the loss of friends of family. While our students may be overjoyed at the return to a "normal" college experience, it is hard to anticipate the long-term impact of lost opportunities for internships, laboratory experiences, and other hands-on learning experiences. Many students have had their degree timelines drastically altered, and even once campus is fully re-opened, some research programs may take years to recover, with serious consequences for graduate students relying on those programs to start their careers. Moreover, the COVID19 pandemic disproportionately affected members of the BIPOC community in nearly every way; it will take conscious work to ensure that the difficulties involved in returning to campus do not do likewise.

Addressing these issues will require patience, ingenuity, and new ways of approaching problems. But as someone who believes strongly in the importance of shared governance, I am optimistic that we can address these challenges collaboratively.

I am also encouraged by the fact that the most recent Senate apportionment resulted in a substantial increase in the number of PTK representatives to the Senate; as a strong advocate of PTK faculty and their important role on this campus, I would welcome the opportunity to work with these new senators to bring their insights to our campus governance.

I believe that much of the knowledge about leadership and university processes that I have gained over the past 7 years as Chair can be applied successfully to the role of Chair-Elect of the University Senate. The experience of being a department chair has been incredibly broadening and challenging in good and unanticipated ways. I've discovered, a bit to my surprise, that I enjoy the creative aspects of moving a unit forward and building new initiatives. The problem-solving aspect is appealing to me, much the way a good detective novel might be - it involves the need to consider issues from multiple perspectives, and to think outside of standard approaches. I would welcome the opportunity to bring these same skill sets to the Senate.

**William Reed, Professor and Chair, Government & Politics
College of Behavioral & Social Sciences**



I am honored to submit my candidacy for the position of Chair-Elect of the University Senate. I joined the University in 2009 as a faculty member in the Department of Government and Politics, where I am now Professor and Chair. In the Senate, I served as the past Chair of the Academic Procedures and Standards (APAS) committee. This year I serve as the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) Chair and have a seat on the Senate Executive Committee.

The opportunity to learn from students, staff, faculty, and administrators across campus and observe firsthand the importance of shared governance is humbling. My time in the Senate and particularly this year as FAC Chair was a period of significant professional growth. The work has been challenging—I thoroughly enjoyed it, and I am proud of what the committee accomplished.

My approach to leadership is value-driven and evidence-based. My core values are anchored by and honor a commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, transparency, excellence in research, teaching, and service. These values translate into my pledge to support shared governance that elevates the voices of our constituents who are often unheard because of structures of inequality.

The effect of the COVID-19 pandemic in the shadow of racial, social, and economic injustice is reshaping and disrupting higher education. As we pivot from attention to the immediate and acute emergencies of the pandemic and structural inequalities to a focus on the lasting impact on our institution, the Senate is positioned through our commitment to shared governance to be instrumental in shaping our new professional and educational realities.

If elected, I would welcome the opportunity to lend inclusive support to the campus community and work to support, reimagine, and grow our University's mission. I am delighted to have been nominated to Chair our Senate. Thank you for your consideration.