

Slate of Candidates for the 2013-2014 Chair-Elect

Submitted by the Senate Nominations Committee

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- Donald Webster Faculty College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Faculty Senator Nominees (Seven will be Elected)

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- Steven Brauth College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Christopher Davis A. James Clark School of Engineering
- Devin Ellis Research Faculty Representative
- Doron Levy College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences
- Stephen McDaniel School of Public Health
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- Terry Owen University Libraries
- Lourdes Salamanca-Riba A. James Clark School of Engineering
- Ellin Scholnick Emeritus Faculty Representative
- Madlen Simon School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation
- Piotr Swistak College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- William Walters College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences
- Patrick Warfield College of Arts and Humanities
- Donald Webster College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Ruth Enid Zambrana College of Arts and Humanities

Exempt Staff Senator Nominees (One will be Elected)

- Willie Brown Division of Information Technology
- Julie Parsons Division of Student Affairs
- Kevin Pitt Division of Student Affairs
- Carolyn Trimble Division of Administration and Finance

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

- Jenny Denton Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost
- Michele DiGuiseppe Division of Administration and Finance

Graduate Student Senator Nominees (One will be Elected)

- Joshua Bittinger College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Gilbert Nuñez College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Undergraduate Student Senator Nominees (Two will be Elected)

- Fang Cao College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences
- Justin Dent College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Meredith Good-Cohn College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Kevin LaCherra College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Catherine McGrath College of Arts and Humanities
- Josh Ratner College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

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- Maggie Cunningham University Libraries
- Charles Mitter College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences
- Kasey Moyes College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Max Burns College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences
- Ceaira Thomas College of Letters and Sciences

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Faculty Representative Nominees (Two will be Elected)

- Martha Nell Smith College of Arts and Humanities
- Richmond Sparks College of Arts and Humanities
- Jason Speck University Libraries
- William Walters College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences

Faculty Full-Time Representative Nominees (Three will be Elected)

- Lila Angeline Ohler University Libraries
- Martha Nell Smith College of Arts and Humanities
- William Stuart College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Faculty Alternate Representative Nominees (One will be Elected)

- Nelly Stromquist College of Education

Faculty Representative Nominees (One will be Elected)

- Jie Chen University Libraries

Staff Representative Nominees (One will be Elected)

- Alan Holmes Division of Student Affairs

Undergraduate Representative Nominees (One will be Elected)

- Max Burns College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences
- Ceaira Thomas College of Letters and Sciences

Candidacy Statements for the Chair-Elect 2013-2014 Election

Chair-Elect Nominees

Doron Levy – Faculty, Professor, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences

I am a Professor of Mathematics and a member of the Center for Scientific Computation and Mathematical Modeling (CSCAMM). I am also the Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Mathematics, a member of the Applied Mathematics, Statistics, and Scientific Computation (AMSC) graduate program, and a member of the BioPhysics graduate program. Before joining the University of Maryland I held positions at Stanford University, UC Berkeley, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, the University of Paris 6, and the Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS) Paris.

I am an applied mathematician. My research focuses on applications of mathematics in biology and medical sciences. I have been working on a range of problems in cancer, immunology, cell motility, and imaging. Most of my research is conducted in collaboration with colleagues in Medical Schools (University of Maryland, Baltimore; Stanford University; City of Hope National Medical Center), Biology Departments, and researchers at the National Institutes of Health. My research is currently supported by the National Cancer Institute (NCI/NIH) and by the National Science Foundation (NSF). The NSF supports my research activities through a joint program between the Division of Mathematical Sciences and the National Institute for General Medical Sciences (NIGMS). It also supports some of my educational activities (through the Division of Undergraduate Education).

I have authored, or co-authored, over 70 publications. I am an associate editor on nine scientific journals, including the “Bulletin of Mathematical Biology”, “Discrete and Continuous Dynamical Systems B”, and “Frontiers in Systems Biology”. I received the Haim Nessayahu prize for the best Math PhD dissertation in Israel (1998) and the National Science Foundation Career Award (2002). I have been a plenary and keynote speaker in many national and international conferences. Most notably, I was the keynote speaker in the American Mathematical Society’s annual briefing to the US Congress in Capitol Hill (2008).

In parallel to my research I have been engaged in many educational activities including K-12 education, undergraduate-level and graduate-level curriculum development, doctoral advising, and postdoctoral mentoring. I developed undergraduate- and graduate-level courses on Mathematical Biology, Wavelets, Dynamical Systems, Numerical Analysis, and Advanced Computational Methods. In 2013 I was named a Distinguished Scholar-Teacher at the University of Maryland.

I will be honored to serve the University as the University Senate’s Chair-Elect. I will bring to this position an extensive experience in interdisciplinary collaborations, a first-hand familiarity with the inner mechanisms of our university and many other universities, and an ongoing commitment to further improving our institution. As Chair-Elect, I will advocate for stronger shared governance, for full transparency, and for excellence in all aspects of university life.

Donald Webster – Faculty, Senior Agent, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, UME

We have seen our University move steadily upward in national ranking and look forward with great anticipation to further advances. This will happen because of the dedication and service of all who are part of our community. It includes those who provide the teaching, research, and outreach that represent our core missions, the operational staff that keeps our institution running, and the undergraduate and graduate students who have trusted us to provide them with knowledge and skills for their future. The concept of shared governance provides broad input from the members of this remarkable group and is the foundation upon which we will build our advances. As we move to the Big Ten and reap the significant benefits that the CIC provides, full and open representation from the

entire campus community will be critical. I am honored to have been nominated to run for Chair-Elect at this important point in the history of our institution.

I have been a faculty member in the University of Maryland's largest department for over thirty-eight years. It is a group that embodies the innovation and entrepreneurship stressed by President Loh. Extension has hundreds of faculty and staff based on campus, in regional research centers, and at local county offices from the mountains of western Maryland to the shores of the Atlantic. Our faculty brings science-based education to people in subjects that include sustainable food production, healthy diets and nutrition, development of biofuels, youth leadership, and managed natural resources. My own research and education area is aquaculture, a field which has seen rapid growth due to institutional research applied to societal problems. Our unit also provides historical roots to the foundation of UMCP as an agricultural college while linking residents to the contemporary intellectual and educational resources at UMCP.

I have a wide range of publications including book chapters, research reports and extension manuals. I have engaged in international projects and traveled extensively in Asia and the western Pacific. I have served on state, regional and national boards and commissions during my lengthy career including several at the state level where I hold leadership positions. One that I currently chair advises the Governor and legislature on policies affecting Chesapeake Bay and its natural resources. In that regard I deal with a wide variety of interest groups and individuals and appreciate the need for reasoned and respectful debate on issues that affect us.

I previously served on the Faculty Affairs Committee as we deliberated a number of important issues including promotion and tenure policies and review of merit pay plans. I currently represent my college and department as a member of the Faculty Senate and serve on committees within my department on APT procedures and others that will bring faculty together to aid development of a new strategic plan complementing those at the college and institution. My experience has given me the ability to serve the campus community as Chair-Elect and to continue the principles of shared governance that are important to its proper operation. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve all the members of our College Park team by working to ensure that all sides gain input to issues that affect us as we proceed to greater institutional ranking in the years to come.

Candidacy Statements for the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) 2013-2014 Election

Faculty Senator Nominees

Dorothy Beckett – Professor, College of Mathematical and Natural Sciences

Dr. Beckett has been a faculty member at the University of Maryland College Park since 1999 and was promoted to full professor in 2002. Prior to 1999 she was an Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, UMBC. She received her AB in Chemistry at Barnard College and Ph.D. in Biochemistry at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Her postdoctoral work was performed at MIT and the Johns Hopkins University. Her research focus is biophysical studies of biological regulation. She serves as Associate Editor of the journal *Protein Science* and on the editorial board of the journal *Biochemistry*. She has served on numerous grant review panels for the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation and is currently the President-elect of the Biophysical Society.

Dr. Beckett has been a member of the Senate and Senate Executive Committee for one year. She looks forward to continued service on the Senate Executive Committee in facilitating the review of policies and issues that are of interest to students, faculty and staff at the University of Maryland College Park.

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 Executive Committee. I have been a faculty member at UMCP since 1975 and, with great pleasure, have watched our University grow into one of the premiere public research Universities in the world. This is my first year in the Senate and I look forward to it both as a way to represent the faculty as well as to help continue the advancement of the campus in the future. Although I have not previously served 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 Executive Committee for this reason.

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

I have been a member of the University of Maryland faculty for almost 38 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, 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 previously served on the

Senate Executive Committee from 1991 – 1999 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 almost 100 campus, college, and departmental committees, including service on APAC, the Athletic Council and CUSF. 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 a year as a member once again of the Senate Executive Committee and would welcome the opportunity to serve for another year.

Devin Ellis – Research Faculty Representative

I am seeking your support to serve as a faculty member of the Senate Executive Committee because I believe the dedication and experience in shared governance I bring will have a positive impact on behalf of the campus community. I am honored to have been re-elected this year to a second term representing the ~1,800 non-tenure-track research faculty on our campus. For the past year I have also served as chair of the Elections Representation and Governance Committee, overseeing consideration of many questions on fair representation and Senate procedure, as well as the approval of College Plans of Organization, and preparation for the upcoming Plan of Organization Review.

The SEC is one of the few venues where faculty are asked to make recommendations on policy decisions across the full spectrum of issues affecting our institution. After more than a decade of involvement in governance at the University (including service on the Steering Committee for the Strategic Plan) I believe I have the knowledge and commitment to truly contribute to the work of the Committee. Furthermore, at a juncture where the University will be grappling with the many nuances and implications of policy recommendations on non-tenure-track faculty, I hope I can bring a distinctive and important perspective to the table. I am truly passionate about the importance of service to the campus community, and I hope to have a chance to contribute my experience to the Senate Executive Committee this coming year.

Doron Levy – Professor, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences

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Stephen McDaniel – Associate Professor, School of Public Health

This will be my 18th year as a professor at the University of Maryland and it will mark my first term on our Senate. After years of playing an active role in policy-making on committees in my department, I am excited to be part of shared governance at the university level. I am particularly interested in working as a member of the Senate Executive Committee (SEC), given its centrality to the development and implementation of policy at UMD. I believe that my experience, leadership and critical thinking skills can help me to make a valuable contribution to the SEC.

After nearly 20 years here, I have become very familiar with the university's history, academic culture and operating practices. I have witnessed a great deal of positive change over that period. Although, there are still many interesting challenges that face us. While I welcome dealing with a variety of policy concerns, I am especially drawn to issues regarding enhancement of the work environment, for our faculty and staff. For example, I know that the Senate is currently exploring ways to help address salary compression, as well as examining promotion and compensation policies for non-tenure track faculty. Consequently, I look forward to joining you and being part of the dialogue on these and other important matters.

Missy Meharg – Head Coaches Representative

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 Field Hockey 25 years ago. I presently sit on the University Senate, the Student Affairs Committee, and the University Athletic Council. I am the inaugural Chair of our Athletic Coaches' Group, assisted in selecting our Director of Athletics', Kevin Anderson, and was on the former President's Commission, which had the task of eliminating sports in order to maintain competitive ACC/NCAA success.

As coaches we teach in a different environment. We critically recruit and evaluate every one of our students with the intent to become Maryland graduates while winning Conference and National Championships. Having more collaboration will impact our academic success.

I would like to serve on the Senate Executive Committee. If appointed, I would share today's world of College Sports in hopes of our athletics department becoming more integrated in the campus community as we transition into the Big Ten Conference.

Terry Owen – Librarian III, University Libraries

As Coordinator for the Digital Repository at the University of Maryland (DRUM) in McKeldin Library, 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 previously served as a Senator for the Libraries (2008-2011) and have recently been re-elected to a second term. During my first term, 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.

Lourdes Salamanca-Riba – Professor, A. James Clark School of Engineering

I have been in the Materials Science and Engineering Department at the University of Maryland for twenty five years. I have been involved in many thesis committees in the College of Engineering and CMNS. I have participated in numerous outreach activities with the public schools in PG County. I have been the chair of the Engineering Council, a member of the Senate, a member of the Diversity Advisory Council and have been on several campus committees, such as, the Open Access Task Force and several search committees in the College of Engineering and at the campus level.

I have seen many positive changes to the campus and would like to be part of the Senate Executive Committee to have the opportunity to help bring the university to an even higher level.

Ellin Scholnick – Emeritus Faculty Representative

I would appreciate the opportunity to reprise my role as a member of the SEC. I bring to that role very diverse perspectives on the role of faculty in shared governance. I have been a Professor, the Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs who has worked on various policies affecting faculty life, and I am now faculty ombudsman, trying to help faculty when our policies and procedures are administered unfairly or create unintended problems. Currently, I am Professor Emerita in Psychology, Chair of the President's Commission on Women's Issues (PCWI), the Faculty Ombuds Officer, and Chair of the Senate Faculty Affairs Committee. As chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, I have been privileged to work on policies aimed at creating a family friendly environment, making our APT policies transparent and improving our treatment of adjunct faculty. I also serve on the APT task force tasked with updating our APT policy. With your support, I would like to continue to work with the Senate on these and other crucial issues we will be encountering during the next academic year.

Madlen Simon – Associate Professor, School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation

I look forward to serving the University of Maryland as a newly elected Senator and would welcome the opportunity for in-depth engagement on the Executive Committee. I joined the University of Maryland community 6 years ago and bring 4 years experience as a Senator and active member of the Senate Faculty Affairs and Student Affairs committees at my previous institution. At the University of Maryland, I served for 4 years as Architecture Program Director and have demonstrated my commitment to Maryland and shared governance through extensive service on University committees. Among other responsibilities, I have been privileged to play multiple roles in the implementation and oversight of the new General Education, serving on the General Education Implementation Committee, the Senate General Education Committee, and the Scholarship in Practice Faculty Board. As a Lilly Fellow in 2012, I collaborated with my colleagues to define the innovative new Scholarship in Practice course category and write a Faculty Guide. I teach a Scholarship in Practice/I-Series course and participate in the I-Series Faculty Seminar. I have also served Undergraduate Studies as a member of UPAC (undergraduate policy), the College Coordinators Group (learning outcomes assessment), Living Learning Programs Review Committee, Lilly

Fellows Selection Committee, and the University Medal Selection Committee. I have served the Graduate School on the CAPAA and Phi Delta Gamma Fellowship Selection Committees.

I teach Architectural Design Studio to undergraduate and graduate students, supervise Master of Architecture theses, and teach lectures, seminars, and Honors and General Education courses. I advise a student group, Architecture in the Schools, that teaches a half-semester course at Northwestern High School each Spring. My scholarship, research, and creative practice are in the area of design - design process, design education, design of buildings, and the application of design to issues such as sustainability and community health. I would be honored to have an opportunity to bring my design thinking skills to the service of the Senate Executive Committee.

Piotr Swistak – Associate Professor, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

I am honored to have been nominated to the Senate Executive Committee. I have been with the university since 1989 and have served on committees at all administrative levels. This academic year I am a member of my Department's executive committee, Senate's APAS committee, and a member of the university Senate. I should also note that I have never held any administrative positions—my perspective has always been that of a rank and file faculty member.

Over the years I have been affiliated with Departments of Mathematics, Statistics, Sociology, Philosophy, and Political Science at various institutions. I have published in all these disciplines and also in psychology and economics. My interdisciplinary path made me sensitive to different parts of academia and brought me a rather unique perspective. I believe I can put it to a constructive use.

William Walters – Professor, College of Mathematical and Natural Sciences

Currently, I represent the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry in the College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences in the University Senate. In addition, for the past two years, I have been a member of the Senate Campus Affairs Committee and have served this year as their representative on the University Athletic Council.

During the 1999-2000 I served as Chair of the University Senate. My experience at Maryland has demonstrated the extraordinary value of shared governance in moving the University forward in providing an outstanding educational experience for both undergraduate students and graduate students, as well as developing an ever-improving reputation for scholarship and service to both Maryland and the Nation as a whole. The Senate Executive Committee plays a key role in this process by bring together a group of faculty, staff, and students to keep a pulse on campus activities and serve as the "gatekeeper" in communications among students, faculty, staff, and the University Administration. In fact, the Executive Committee neither originates legislation nor controls its content. Rather, the Executive Committee identifies issues of importance to the Campus mission and then "charges" one or more Senate Committees to delve in detail into the issue and bring back a report that may or may not call for action. If action is needed, the Executive Committee places the report on the Senate agenda for discussion, debate, and ultimately action.

I am standing as a candidate for Senate Executive Committee in order to bring my wide experience in campus affairs into the deliberations about the choices that the Senate must make in providing advice to the University Administration. Among the issues that the Executive Committee and the Senate are likely to deal with in the next year are "blended learning", massive on-line open courses (MOOCs), review of APT practices and procedures, and establishing contact with Big 10 universities through the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) to improve academic opportunities for the University of Maryland community. Moreover, it appears that considerable effort will be spent on issues associated with opportunities and challenges for non-tenure track faculty members where the Senate Executive Committee will play a strong role in defining the charges sent to appropriate Senate Committees. My short CV can be found at: <http://www.chem.umd.edu/research/facultyprofiles/williamwalters>

Patrick Warfield – Assistant Professor, College of Arts and Humanities

I am in my fourth year as a member of the University of Maryland faculty, and I am finishing my second year on the Senate. I would be delighted to serve the university as a member of the Executive Committee during my final year on the Senate.

Since coming to Maryland I have eagerly pursued service. These opportunities came first in the School of Music as my unit's liaison to the libraries, as a member of several search committees, and as a member of our undergraduate curriculum committee. My university-wide service first began with my appointment to the Senate's Academic Affairs Committee, and I am currently a member of the Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee. This year I am also working on the joint President/Senate Sexual Harassment Task Force. These service activities have given me the opportunity to see how shared governance works, as well as how it fails. Beginning next year I am taking on a new role as Director of Graduate Studies for the School of Music. I would be delighted to add the Senate's Executive Committee to my roster of service.

Donald Webster – Senior Agent, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, UME

I am honored to have been nominated to run for the Senate Executive Committee. I previously served on the Faculty Affairs Committee as we deliberated a number of important issues and now represent my college and department as a member of the Faculty Senate. It would be a privilege to serve on the Senate Executive Committee.

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Ruth Enid Zambrana – Professor, College of Arts and Humanities

I am currently a member of the University Senate as a faculty representative for the Departments of Women's Studies and American Studies and also a member of the Senate Executive Committee. Based on my experience this year and my knowledge of key issues currently facing our university community such as faculty pay equity, APT and diversity, I am willing to serve a second term. I feel knowledgeable and well-informed of the climate, direction and overall politics of the university which has certainly been informed by my participation in the last year as a member of SEC. My active participation and seasoned experience in four other doctoral granting universities prior to UM and a long professional and personal commitment to issues of inclusion and social justice make me uniquely qualified to continue to serve as a faculty member of the SEC. As a senior professor with a 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, that may contribute to better understanding and finding solutions to the many critical issues we are engaged in addressing.

Current position and prior positions:

I am professor and director of the Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity. 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 also 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. In addition I am a member of the Community Research Advisory Board (CRAB), Center for Health Equity, and affiliate of the Maryland Population Research Center (Executive Committee member 2009-2011). In addition I am the Principal Investigator of the 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*.

Exempt Staff Senator Nominees

Willie Brown – Director, Office Automation, Finance & HR, Division of Information Technology

My name is Willie Brown and I would like to be considered for the Exempt Staff position on the Senate Executive Committee. During my career here at the University of Maryland, I have continuously served on various committees including the Senate, Senate Executive Committee, Staff Affairs, Campus Affairs, Council of University System Staff and the Interdivisional Working group on Non-Exempt Staff Issues to name a few. I have Chaired the Council of University System Staff for three of the last four years and still actively serve as the Immediate Past Chair which includes serving as an advisor to the Chancellor and Board of Regents on staff related matters.

As someone who has the experience of working on internal UM matters from searching for a Vice President of Administrative Affairs to serving on a committee to review and propose a solution to Prayer at Commencement; from Chairing the Staff Affairs and Human Relations committees to serving on the Senate Ad Hoc Site Selection committee; from serving on the Athletics Council to serving as a member of the 5 year review of the Office of Information Technology, I believe that my breadth and depth of involvement in Shared Governance and most importantly my passionate involvement with matters pertaining to Staff, the University and the University System of Maryland will allow me to hit the ground running and I ask for your nomination and vote to serve on the Senate Executive Committee.

Julie Parsons – Assistant Coordinator, Mental Health Services, University Health Center, VPSA

I am writing in support of my nomination to the Executive Committee of the University Senate. Through my work on the Senate and my nearly 15 years of work at the University, I know the value of shared governance, and am committed to its values and ideals. My experience with an unusually broad range of faculty, staff and students gives me unique practical knowledge gained by seeing and understanding the University from many different vantage points.

Building relationships is a major focus of my work at the University. As a clinical social worker in the Mental Health Service of the University Health Center, I provide psychotherapy and many different forms of support to our students. Forming relationships and building bridges is key to the success of my work. In addition to individual and group therapy with students, it has been my privilege to provide mental health training to faculty, to consult with faculty regarding a particular struggling student, and to provide presentations in the classrooms. I have worked closely with students and staff in Resident Life, with coaches and trainers in the athletic department, with University police officers, with doctors and nurses at the Health Center as well as with students' parents, families

and friends. I have reached out to resources in our wider community through developing curriculum and teaching a course in the school of public health; conducting research on eating disorders; developing an educational outreach group comprised of students who seek to decrease stigma around mental health issues; providing outreach to students struggling with mental disorders; and mentoring numerous students who took leadership roles in our outreach programs. It has been a fascinating journey to learn from students from a wide range of academic disciplines, and an incredible range of ethnicities and cultures; from faculty expert in many different disciplines from around the world and from the many diverse and wonderful staff whose path I have crossed over the years.

I believe my experience building relationships as well as my experience observing and participating in the university from number of different vantage points could be of benefit to the Senate Executive Committee.

Kevin Pitt – Assistant Director, Office of Student Conduct, VPSA

I am honored to be considered to continue to represent the university community on the Senate Executive Committee. I've had the great privilege to study and work on this great campus for over eight 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. I've currently been serving as an Exempt Professional Senator for the past year and I'm seeking to take my love for campus advocacy, university governance and for the Senate's inner workings to the next level by serving on the Senate Executive Committee. 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!

Carolyn Trimble – Associate Director, University Human Resources, VPAF

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

Jenny Denton – Executive Administrative Assistant II, Office of Diversity & Inclusion, SVPAAP

As a non-exempt executive administrative assistant in the Office of Diversity & Inclusion, headed by the Chief Diversity Officer, my job takes full advantage of my curiosity and attention to detail. Not only do I work every day where decisions are made that affect the campus community, but I also work in an office that serves the entire campus community. My input is often sought because of my sound judgment and unique perspective. It is this judgment and perspective that I think I would bring to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) as it discusses issues that affect the larger campus.

Specifically, I want to make sure that I can contribute as fully as possible to the SEC through insight into the needs of non-exempt staff, a strong work ethic, and a desire to work collaboratively with colleagues who wish to see

Maryland continue its tradition of genuine shared governance. In addition, I have a vested interest in ensuring overall success and stability of the university/town relationship. The weighty issues reviewed by the Senate Executive Committee require sincere dedication to fully understanding and exploring them, and I have that dedication.

Michele DiGuseppe – Business Service Specialist, Facilities Management, VPAF

It is my pleasure that I accept the nomination to serve as a Non-Exempt Staff Representative on the Senate Executive Committee, for the 2013-2014 year. I'm completing my first term as a Senator and during this time, I have found being a part of the Senate has broadened my knowledge of what we as a community can achieve. As I mentioned in my candidate statement when running last year, I have over 25 years of management experience and the capability to move mountains. My prior experience as an Assistant Director of HR & Facilities has provided me the exposure to work well with Upper Management as well as with subordinates with successful results.

I have been working with the University of Maryland going into my 7th year as a Business Services Specialist, for the HVAC Division within Facilities Management. Just prior to my employment here, I was the Administrative Assistant for two years with Suez; a company that is sub-contracted by the University to maintain the Power Plant on campus and was pirated to be a full-fledged U of M employee. During this time I have been asked to participate in group discussions, some at the grassroots level that include, "Workplace Conflict", "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People", "As Simple As Respect" and "FM Webpage Modification"; where my layout was used as it's template. The information obtained from these group discussions have been brought to upper management's attention and further up to President Wallace Loh and his cabinet. I'm often called upon to act as a Search Committee Coordinator as well as a participant on the Interview Committee's to insure that the best qualified and talented candidates are selected. That said, with your support, I welcome this opportunity to express and represent your interests and concerns and becoming a part in setting direction for the University Community.

Graduate Student Senator Nominees

Joshua Bittinger – College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

I am currently a first year PhD student in Criminology and Criminal Justice. I am a graduate assistant, TAing for Intro to Criminal Justice and Human Trafficking. I am the current GSG representative for the CCJS program, and hope to continue in this position next year. As a GSG assembly member, I serve on the GREAT committee which focuses on issues pertaining to graduate assistants on campus. GSG was my first step at beginning to become more involved as a graduate student at UMD. As an undergrad at Coker College, I served in numerous executive positions ranging from honor societies to community service organizations. My various involvements led me to the position of president of the SGA during my senior year.

I wish to serve on the SEC for a couple of reasons. First, I wish to become more involved at UMD in ways that I was unable to at my previous institution. My undergraduate institution did not have a Senate; instead, the SGA was responsible for adopting and proposing policies. This relates to my second reason for wishing to run for this position. As the president of the SGA at Coker College, I led a massive overhaul of the organization. My three main objectives were: restructuring the organization, redrafting the Constitution to bring it up to date with current policies, redraft the Student Honor Code, which is currently being implemented for the first time. I feel that my background experience would serve me well as part of this committee.

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 interested in serving as the graduate student senator on the Senate Executive Committee as I enter my second

year in the University Senate. In my first year, I took time to acclimate myself to Maryland's shared governance system and served as one of the graduate student senators on the Student Affairs Committee. Now that I am more familiar with the University Senate's structure, understand its legislative process, and will be advancing to a point in my academic career in which I will have additional time to devote to extracurricular activities, I would like to take the next step in my Senate service by taking a more active role to serve our community.

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 becoming a member of this central committee and lending my voice to this step of the shared governance structure. I appreciate your consideration.

Undergraduate Student Senator Nominees

Fang Cao – College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences

My name is Fang Cao, and I am a sophomore double majoring in Physiology & Neurobiology and Computer Science. My interest in serving on the SEC derives from a lifelong interest in policy and public service. I participated for three years at the YMCA Maryland Youth & Government Program, eventually being elected Speaker of the House, meeting Governor O'Malley and running a mock House session at the Maryland State House with over 150 delegates in attendance. I was selected twice to represent Maryland at the weeklong annual Council on National Affairs (CONA), and discussed public policy with students from across the country. In addition to these experiences in formal politics, I also have played a major role in reshaping education policy at the local Northwestern High School, as the coordinator and founder of the FISH mentoring/tutoring program, which holds weekly review sessions at the high school. I have helped the AP Biology Teacher restructure the way AP Biology is taught, decreasing lecture time and increasing group activities and discussion. I have also helped shape health care policy at the Manchester Health Centre abroad in Jamaica; I have met with the Centre manager as well as the Parish Governor to help increase awareness of proper medicine use, hygiene techniques, etc.

I ask to serve on the SEC because 1) my ability to work with people from all walks of life, and 2) my ability to shape solid and effective policies. My journeys in shaping policy have lead me from discussions on a sidewalk talking to the sick and poor in Jamaica to Governor O'Malley in the Maryland State House – this broad scope of experiences allows me to work efficiently in a team as diverse as the SEC, with faculty, graduate and undergraduate students of all majors. I have served as a teaching assistant for two biology classes here at UMD, and my contributions lead to midterm scores that were 10% higher than the scores from those of previous years. These contributions, from content-based big picture review sessions and increased team-effort exercises, have been recognized and implemented by both faculty (Dr. Todd Cooke), and the students alike. I look forward to working together with the other members of the SEC to oversee efficient policy changes that can benefit the entire UMD community.

Justin Dent – College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

It is with great pleasure that I accept the nomination to run for the Senate Executive Committee. My two years as an undergraduate have been spent serving the University and upholding the tenets of shared governance. During

my short time at the University, I have served in various capacities in the Student Government Association (SGA), as Chairman of the Dean's Student Advisory Council for BSOS, the President of two student organizations, and on a variety of councils and taskforces related to student services and academic affairs. Additionally, although not a sitting Senator, I have spent this year as representative on the Senate APAS Committee—a valuable experience that will certainly contribute to my time on the SEC.

I strongly believe that my experiences at the University will lend to an ability to contribute to the SEC by providing strong, rational, and informed student input. Furthermore, my exhibited commitment to student representation and the University community has given me a great deal of experience with various aspects of our campus, lending to an ability to take a number of viewpoints into account and representing them when necessary.

It would be a great pleasure to serve as a member of the SEC. I look forward to working with you throughout the term.

Meredith Good-Cohn – College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

I am a University of Maryland College Park student who cares deeply about this university and the University System of Maryland as a whole. If chosen to this committee, I would provide unique insight to the committee and President Loh after not only having taken classes in over four departments at the University, but also by being an active member of the UMD and state of Maryland communities. Over the past two years, I have taken advantage of various opportunities not only on the university campus but also in the Maryland State and Federal Government. These opportunities have allowed me not only to recognize all the positive aspects of the University of Maryland College Park, but also areas that the university governing body needs to focus on in terms of policy change. One of my campus involvements as a Student Ambassador has allowed me to work with a team and speak in front of large groups of both students and parents about unique aspects of the University of Maryland. This has shown me what perspective families are looking for in our university and how we already meet those needs but also how we could improve in certain areas.

After working under Campus Recreation Services at the Eppley Recreation Center as a member of the weight fitness staff, I recognize the importance of wellness and healthcare in the university setting especially after the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and outbreak of the flu this season.

I also recognize the importance of green sustainability at UMD and throughout the state. As President of the Baltimore Student Congress for Service, a coalition of 15 high schools in Maryland (2010-11), I commenced the first-ever Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure recycling initiative and received the 2011 Maryland Recycling Network Dwight Copenhaver Recycler of the Year Award. Sustainability is an recurring issue on college campuses and is always a necessary area for policy change.

I not only acknowledge the conceptual need for policy, but I have seen policy in direct action on both the federal and state levels of government. If elected to the SEC, I would be able to recognize well written, precise policy ideas that are worthy of being forwarded to the whole Senate body. As a current intern with Delegate Kirill Reznik of the Maryland General Assembly, and past intern for U.S. Senator Ben Cardin, I have been exposed to various areas of policy ranging from healthcare to gun control to voter registration. During this 2013 Maryland Legislative Session in Annapolis, I am able to see the University of Maryland College Park blossom in terms of opportunities, academics, and tuition affordability through state legislation. I have also met numerous student leaders at hearings, receptions, and through the internship program.

Through my political experiences and campus involvement, I would have a deep understanding of the types of policies that need to be pursued by the Senate and eventually implemented at the university. Although a newly elected member of the University Senate, I want to be in the best position to direct policy in the right direction to benefit all members of the university.

Kevin LaCherra – College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

My name is Kevin LaCherra and I am a senior Government and Politics major and Terrorism Studies minor. This upcoming academic year will be my third as a member of the University Senate, and because I am taking my final year at the university am interested in continuing my service as a member of the SEC. In my time in the Senate I have worked on issues ranging from the Good Samaritan Policy to the mandate for faculty to provide syllabi during course registration. I have been involved in numerous other organizations on campus during my time here at the university such as the CIVICUS Living and Learning Program, SGA, RHA, USJ, and the Library Dean's Advisory Board.

I believe my connection to so many different student organizations throughout my time here gives me the experience needed to represent student interests effectively on the SEC. If elected I pledge to work my very hardest to further the spirit of connectedness and cooperation that I have brought to these other areas of campus life.

Catherine McGrath – College of Arts and Humanities

My name is Catherine McGrath and I am a sophomore Communication and Environmental Science and Policy double major. This will be my first year serving on the university senate.

I would like to serve on the Senate Executive Committee to act as a leader in the university senate. I am outspoken, but listen carefully to the opinions of other. As a member of the SEC, I would be sure to consider all points of view while evaluating proposals. I am dedicated and detail-oriented, and would fully commit to the duties and time requirements of the SEC.

Above all, I am dedicated to this university and its students. I work as a Community Assistant in Leonardtown Hall, participate in multiple service organizations and serve on the Student Library Advisory Committee. As a member of the SEC, I would strive to fairly represent and support the best interests of UMD.

Josh Ratner – College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

As our student body's representative to the city council for the past year, I have been in a unique position to significantly impact university policy. By developing relationships with both local government officials and the university administration, I have fought to ensure that the expansion of student conduct and concurrent jurisdiction is fair to students. In addition, I have united the city and university administration on issues ranging from the development of student housing to the re-imagining of the route one corridor.

I am most proud of helping expand mental health services on campus, and I will continue to fight to push for more resources. As a member of the SEC, I will work to coordinate with SGA and the Senate's efforts to ensure that students can accomplish as much as possible. My deep connections with SGA, the University administration, and local government will be key to ensuring students get the support they need from all important parties as we push our agenda next year. I am a Government and Politics major, Leadership Studies minor, and CIVICUS associate with two years of experience in various roles in SGA. I encourage you to contact me at joshuagrater@gmail.com to discuss my initiatives and plans as a member of the SEC.

Candidacy Statements for the Committee on Committees 2013-2014 Elections

Faculty Senator Nominees

Maggie Cunningham – Librarian III, University Libraries

I am honored to accept the nomination to run for the Senate's Committee on Committees. I welcome the opportunity to collaborate with others in providing the University's governing body with equitable and diverse representation.

In 1995 I joined the University Libraries, and since 2006 was appointed head of its User Education Services department. Under my leadership this department is responsible for ensuring that we strategize, design, and teach effective information literacy programs for UMD students, especially first-year students and those enrolled in pre-college programs. Beyond my responsibilities as an administrator, as mentor to junior faculty and students, as an educator and reference librarian, I have dedicated myself to serving the University and profession in a number of other ways. I have been an active member of the Libraries' Appointment, Promotion, and Permanent Status Committee; this is standing committee of the Library Assembly. My teaching interests have afforded me the chance to teach UNIV 100-The Student in the University for a few years. I have been appointed as the Libraries' representative on the Provost's College Coordinators Team, which aims to implement and direct the student learning outcomes assessment process campus wide. And, I have been the co-chair of the LOEX Conference Planning Committee, a national association focusing on information literacy and learning (i.e. LOEX). On balance I believe that my experience has prepared me to effectively serve the campus community in this role; I look very much forward to this new opportunity.

Charles Mitter – Professor, College of Mathematical and Natural Sciences

I've been at Maryland since 1981, have been chair of my department (Department of Entomology) since 2000, and will step down from the chair in July 2013. I am looking for new ways to contribute to the campus, and that's why I agreed to serve in the Senate.

I am interested in this particular committee because it looks like a great way to learn more about the Senate and about the university. What I would bring to the committee is a lot of experience working with students, staff and faculty from many parts of the campus, and enthusiasm for our shared mission.

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

I am honored to accept the nomination to run for the Committee on Committees. This will be my first time serving on the Senate Committee. I have never served on such a committee in the past. I received my B.S. at Michigan State University, my M.S. at the University of Connecticut, my Ph.D. at the University of Illinois and complete my post-doctoral research assistantship in Denmark at Aarhus University. I feel with my strong background both nationally and internationally I will be able to significantly contribute to the objectives of the committee.

Exempt Staff Senator Nominees

Erin McClure – Coordinator, School of Public Health

I am Coordinator, Assistant to the Chair, in the Department of Family Science, School of Public Health. When it comes to Terrapin spirit, my roots run deep. I have nine years of administrative experience at the University of Maryland, both in Family Science and the School of Public Policy. I am a UMD alumnus with a BA in Sociology. I have also completed graduate coursework in management at UMUC and social work at UM(B)altimore. I enjoy

participating in University related initiatives and activities including: facilitating intergroup dialogues through the Office of Diversity Education and Compliance; serving as a staff advisor for Alternative Breaks and the student organization, Maryland Wishes; participating in Rainbow Terrapin Network and Victim Intervention Assistant trainings to support and promote a diverse, inclusive and safe campus climate. I previously served on the University Senate Campus Affairs Committee and am a newly elected Exempt member of the Senate. I believe I am known in my School and among those I have worked with across campus to be knowledgeable, hardworking and fair minded. These attributes, along with my familiarity with campus units and professional relationships with faculty, staff and students, should allow me to support the mission of the Committee on Committees.

Graduate Student Senator Nominees

Ravi Ranjan – A. James Clark School of Engineering

My name is Ravi Ranjan and I am a first-year graduate student of ENTS program offered by ECE department. On Campus, I participated in organizing several events hosted by DESI(a student organization on campus) and also volunteered for TSAN activities(Telecommunications Students and Alumni Network). Before coming to graduate school, I worked as Senior Software engineer in telecom industry for 4 years. Apart from technical work, I contributed in several policy making and their implementation at team and organization level. I also worked as teaching volunteer for “Make A Difference”, a non-profit organization in India, that provides primary education to underprivileged children at orphanages.

I would like to serve on the Committee on Committees because I believe my prior experience in the field of policy framing and implementation can help contribute to the group. Also my involvements in social and community cause, on and off the boundaries of my curriculum, makes me a suitable candidate for this position. I welcome the opportunity to work with others with the common goal of enhancing the shared governance structure at UMD and ensuring equitable representation across the diverse interests on campus.

Undergraduate Student Senator Nominees

Max Burns – College of Mathematical and Natural Sciences

I am a Computer Science and Physics double major and a returning senator for CMNS undergraduates, previously serving during the '12-'13 year.

With students making up less than 20% in the senate, often much less in most committees, I feel it is important that we select senators who are able and willing to put in considerable time and effort to support student issues. It has been noted by former undergraduate senators that we have accomplished a great deal in the years where we have had active, hard-working senators to represent us in the senate and on the various committees. I am asking for you to put that faith in me, and I will be a strong voice for any student concerns.

As a returning senator I have experience with the legislative process in the University Senate. I ran for my University Senate seat having been dissatisfied with decisions that were made to affect students, and I believe I have worked successfully to improve opportunities and support for students.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ceaira Thomas – College of Letters and Sciences

Hello everyone! My name is Ceaira Thomas and I am running for the Committee on Committees. As a student on the route to major in business and minor in Spanish while on the pre-law track, and as a student involved in activities ranging from the University Student Judiciary, to the Caribbean Student Union, to the University Gospel Choir, I would make a well rounded addition and represent the concerns of plethora of students on this campus.

The Committee on Committee has a crucial role throughout the Senate and its components. As last year's president of my high school's Black Student Union and captain of three sports teams year-round, I have the leadership experience necessary for such a position. It would be an honor for me to gain a role that would grant me deeper involvement with our University Senate. I am a positive and productive, I love working with people, and if elected I would be extremely passionate and dedicated to doing my part in keeping this Organization at its best!

Candidacy Statements for the Athletic Council 2013-2014 Election

Faculty Nominees

Martha Nell Smith – Professor, College of Arts and Humanities

Considering citizenship to be one of the most important qualities of a university professor, for the past two years I have happily served as Chair-Elect and then Chair of the Senate, and before that was a member of the Senate Executive Committee and Senator from the English department. Since arriving on campus in 1986, I have served in a variety of capacities in shared governance, including department, college, and university committees, as well as chaired the University Library Council. Long before I obtained my PhD and became a professor, I have believed that athletics and academics can work hand-in-hand, can and should mutually enhance one another. The discipline required for excellent athletic performance is a transferrable skill to that required for academic success, and academic research and top-notch performance require a skillset (from information-gathering to collation and evaluation of evidence to synthesis into critical analysis) that can enhance athletic performance. I concur with Thomas Jefferson's assessment that physical exercise and health are important for mental health and intellectual abilities—"leave all the afternoon for exercise and recreation, which are as necessary as reading." This year I am serving on the President's Commission on UMD and Big Ten/CIC Integration and on the Commission's Workgroup on Education, Research, and Innovation. My well-known passion for men's and women's basketball is not simply that of a fan, but of a professor who shares the Athletic Council's mandate—that varsity athletes are indeed serious students and that UM takes seriously our charge to prepare them well for life beyond their athletic careers. In the words of our Athletic Director Kevin Anderson, the student side of "student-athlete" is not optional, but a requirement and an opportunity. I would welcome the opportunity to serve the university in this capacity. A Professor/Distinguished-Scholar Teacher who has published numerous books and scores of articles, and has served the profession at large to enhance scholarly communication and academe's role in the world, a more complete record of my work can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martha_Nell_Smith

Richmond Sparks – Associate Director of Bands, College of Arts and Humanities

I am happy to accept the nomination to run for a seat on the University Athletic Council. As Director of Bands, and especially Director of Athletic Bands, I feel that I have had ample opportunity to see and experience most all aspects of our Intercollegiate Athletics Programs. I have been director of the marching band, and basketball pep bands since my arrival to this campus in 1984.

Most recently I have been focusing on the implications of the conference move to the Big Ten as it pertains to our athletic bands; moreover, our band students' experience. These next several years will be vitally important for a smooth transition.

Jason Speck – Librarian II, University Libraries

I am excited to be running for a position on the Athletic Council for the University Senate. Having served the Libraries as a faculty senator for the last two years, and currently serving the Senate as chair of the Student Conduct Committee, I truly enjoy participating in the university's shared governance system. I have also participated in the Libraries' shared governance structure, most recently on our Committee on Committees.

As Assistant University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian, I work with campus departments and units, student groups, and alumni to capture, preserve, and make available all permanent university records in a variety of formats, including paper documents, publications, photographs, film, videotape, and memorabilia. These materials form the core of the university's heritage and memory and are heavily consulted by a wide variety of

researchers who come from the campus community, the state of Maryland, across the United States, and around the world.

Records of UM athletics, from the first baseball team in 1888 to the present day, form a major portion of the Archives' holdings, and annually we spend a significant amount of time working with these materials. As such we are often close observers of the operations, both past and present, of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. I feel that my historical perspective as well as my knowledge of the present-day concerns and issues the department faces would be valuable contributions to the work of the Athletic Council.

William Walters – Professor, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences

Currently, I represent the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry in the College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences in the University Senate. In addition, for the past two years, I have been a member of the Senate Campus Affairs Committee and have served this year as their representative on the University Athletic Council. I am currently serving on the Provost's Council on Intercollegiate Collaboration (CIC) Workgroup for Education, Research and Innovation aimed at finding ways to mesh University of Maryland activities with those of the other Big 10 universities to provide enhanced educational and scholarly activities for the entire University community.

The next three years will be exciting and challenging time for Maryland Athletics with the move to the Big 10. The Athletic Council is a broadly constituted group formally charged via their charter with advising the Director of Athletics on a wide range of policies under the leadership of the Faculty Athletic Representative, Professor Nick Hadley. Moreover, Faculty members of the Council serve on the Academic Committee that deals with academic issues for student athletics. Recent activities have included review and revision of the individual admission policies for student athletes aimed at improving graduation rates.

My short CV can be found at: <http://www.chem.umd.edu/research/facultyprofiles/williamwalters>

Candidacy Statements for the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF) 2013-2014 Election

Faculty Full-Time Representative Nominees

Lila (Angie) Ohler – Librarian II, University Libraries

I would be honored to represent the University of Maryland College Park Faculty on the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF). I have experience both with crafting policy recommendations of importance to faculty across diverse university settings, and experience working with colleagues across the University System of Maryland.

I am currently serving as a Library Faculty representative to the University Senate, and held a similar appointment while at the University of Oklahoma Libraries. During my time at the University of Oklahoma, I served on a Faculty Senate subcommittee charged with exploring sensitive issues surrounding faculty salary awards and counteroffers. Our work culminated in a recommendation to the University administration as part of a university-wide plan for faculty retention. A member of the University of Maryland Libraries' Faculty since 2007, I have held a variety of leadership positions within the University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions (USMAI). USMAI is the academic and research library consortium comprised of members from the campus libraries, each representing one of the 16 public universities and colleges within the University System of Maryland. Working within committees, our goal is to provide unified, cost effective and creative approaches to the acquisition and sharing of information and knowledge resources across the 16 libraries. We are often in a position of considering the system-wide impact of our policies, particularly as it concerns the shared mission of our member campuses to contribute to the intellectual and cultural growth of our students, faculty, and staff. I welcome the opportunity to serve the College Park campus again, this time from within the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF).

Martha Nell Smith – Professor, College of Arts and Humanities

Considering citizenship to be one of the most important qualities of a university professor, for the past two years I have happily served as Chair-Elect and then Chair of the Senate, and before that was a member of the Senate Executive Committee and Senator from the English department. Since arriving on campus in 1986, I have served in a variety of capacities in shared governance, including department, college, and university committees, as well as chaired the University Library Council. This year I am serving on the President's Commission on UMD and Big Ten/CIC Integration and on the Commission's Workgroup on Education, Research, and Innovation. My service and citizenship has also extended to my primary professional organization the Modern Language Association (MLA), where I have served and chaired a variety of committees ranging from the Committee on Scholarly Editions (CSE), the Elections Committee, and, at present, the Executive Committee on Sexuality Studies in Literature. Twenty-five years ago, I worked with internationally renowned scholars to found the Emily Dickinson International Society (EDIS), which I presently serve as Vice President, and I have served on the governing councils of such organizations as the Association for Computers in the Humanities (ACH), the Society for Textual Scholarship (STS), and various boards, including that of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Committee (WWNFF). I recognize, therefore, that the most effective institutions are also well integrated into larger systems in which they play a key role, and would welcome the opportunity to serve the University of Maryland College Park representing our faculty on the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF). A Professor/Distinguished-Scholar Teacher who has published numerous books and scores of articles, and has served the profession at large to enhance scholarly communication and academe's role in the world, a more complete record of my work can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martha_Nell_Smith

William Stuart – Assistant Professor, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

If elected by the University Senate to serve as a UMCP representative to the Council for University System Faculty (CUSF), I shall remain very enthusiastic about the opportunity to continue to represent UMCP as I have been on the faculty – both undergrad and grad faculties – at UMCP since the mid-70s. I am a sociocultural anthropologist with research and other professional interests in comparative religion, human behavioral ecology, and math and science (STEM) program development for secondary students, here and in other cultures. I have served as UMCP campus representative to CUSF since early in the 20th Century. Over the years I have served as UMCP campus liaison to CUSF; I have also served been a member of the Executive Board several times – in positions of At-Large, Vice-Chair and as Chair.

I believe UMCP should be strongly and well represented at CUSF, which reports to the Chancellor and advises the USM Board of Regents. In particular, UMCP's nature and needs are often rather different from those of other UMSystem campuses, so it is especially important for UMCP's voice to be heard. Among the many important issues confronting our campus are ongoing concerns with shared governance, spousal benefits, and academic freedom. I believe UMCP's several representatives must champion the cause of our faculty who often feel that they are too often forgotten, perhaps ignored at the level of the USM deliberation and policy making.

If elected to another 3-year term, I intend to work even closer with the UMCP Senate Executive Committee, reporting periodically to that body and otherwise becoming informed of the concerns of UMCP as manifested in the work of the University Senate and its several committees. I feel that I possess a high degree of institutional memory, concerning matters central to UMCP, CUSF and University System of Maryland (USM) that will enable me to represent our campus effectively.

WILLIAM TAFT STUART, PhD

Director – Undergraduate Honors in Anthropology

Department of Anthropology

CUSF member – 2003 – present

Chair of CUSF – 2009-2010; Vice-Chair of CUSF – 2010-2011

Faculty Alternate Representative Nominees

Nelly Stromquist – Professor, College of Education

Academic background: Dr. Stromquist holds a Ph.D. degree in international development education from Stanford University and a master's in political science from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. She specializes in issues related to social change and gender, which she examines from the perspective of critical sociology. Her research interests focus on the dynamics of education policies and practices, gender relations, and equity, particularly in Latin America. She is a full professor in the International Education Policy Program in the College of Education of the University of Maryland, College Park.

I would like to apply for the position of alternate member of the Council of University System Faculty (CUSF). In recent years I have been working on matters related to higher education, particularly how the professoriate is being affected by globalization forces. As a CUSF alternate member, I could contribute my own insights and experience with other universities nationally and internationally.

At UMD I have served as a University Senator (2010-2013) and in the University-wide Faculty Affairs Committee. I have also served in APAC, a committee that advises the Provost (2012-2014). Within the College of Education I have fulfilled a variety of functions, including as Chair of the Senate (2011-2012), member of its ad-hoc Plan of Organization Committee, and currently in my own department as member of the APT and Merit Pay Review Committees. I also serve as associate editor in the *Faculty Voice*.

Candidacy Statements for the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) 2013-2014 Election

Faculty Representative Nominees

Jie Chen – Librarian II, University Libraries

My name is Jie Chen and I am the Director of Integrated Library Systems in the Information Technology Division in the Libraries. I am running for the faculty opening position on the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). Being a current faculty member, a former graduate student, and a 10 year resident of College Park, I care deeply about transportation issues on and around campus. I understand the importance of having a well-designed and convenient transportation system and what it means to the University and the community beyond. As a committee member, I will be an advocate for faculty, staff and students on transportation and parking issues. I am very impressed with the Green Commuting initiatives that are already taking place on campus, and will continue to strengthen and improve on these initiatives. I hope to make the University a parking- and commuter-friendly campus that's also environmentally sustainable and safe to the pedestrians.

Staff Representative Nominees

Alan Holmes – Office Supervisor I, Transportation Services, VPSA

Hello, my name is Alan Holmes; I am a University Non-Exempt Staff Senator and am asking for your vote for the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee. I currently am the Special Events Supervisor for the Department of Transportation Services, so I understand the concerns of those that park on campus. I fully understand the ins and outs of campus parking, and will work hard to try and make it easier to understand the many rules and regulations and signs that are all part of campus parking. I have been employed by the University for over 6 years now and feel that I am the best candidate for the CTAC. Thank you.

Undergraduate Student Senator Nominees

Max Burns – College of Mathematical and Natural Sciences

I am a Computer Science and Physics double major and a returning senator for CMNS undergraduates, previously serving during the '12-'13 year.

With students making up less than 20% in the senate, often much less in most committees, I feel it is important that we select senators who are able and willing to put in considerable time and effort to support student issues. It has been noted by former undergraduate senators that we have accomplished a great deal in the years where we have had active, hard-working senators to represent us in the senate and on the various committees. I am asking for you to put that faith in me, and I will be a strong voice for any student concerns.

As a returning senator I have experience with the legislative process in the University Senate. I ran for my University Senate seat having been dissatisfied with decisions that were made to affect students, and I believe I have worked successfully to improve opportunities and support for students.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ceaira Thomas – College of Letters and Sciences

Hello everyone! My name is Ceaira Thomas. I am running for the spot on the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee. As an employee for DOTS I have an inside perspective on many of the aspects campus transportation. Also, as a part of the Freshman Connection program, I and fellow members had to commute to campus or live at off campus apartments. That being said, I understand and represent a group of students who rely heavily on bus transportation, or who are greatly affected by parking policies. The concerns I would bring to the CTAC are personal and real. Vote for Ceaira Thomas for the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee.