

To: The University Senate
From: University Senate Nominating Committee
Subject: Nominees for Vice Chairperson of the University Senate
Reference: Bylaws, Section 3.20b, c
Disposition: Election by the University Senate
Proposal: The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate to serve as candidates for Vice Chairperson of the University Senate during the academic year 2022-2023:

Matthew R. Conaway
Purdue Bands and Orchestras

David Koltick
Physics and Astronomy

Brian Leung
English

Candidate biographical sketches are attached.

Committee Votes:

For:

Dulcy Abraham
Michael McNamara
Andrew Lu Liu
Larry F. Nies
Robert Nowack
Jan Olek
Joseph Sobieralski
Qifan Song
Vikas Tomar

Against:

Abstained:

Absent:

Candidate Biographical Sketches

Matthew R. Conaway, Bands and Orchestras

Matthew R. Conaway was appointed to the Purdue faculty in August 2012, and was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in July 2018. He serves as an associate director of the famed “All-American” Marching Band, directs the “Boiler Brass” Men’s Basketball Pep Band, and conducts the Purdue Symphonic Band and Purdue Symphony Orchestra. He mentors the Purdue Bands & Orchestras student technology team, and coordinates the Marching Band’s student leadership program. He is in his fifth overall year of service on the Purdue University Senate, where he is a past member of the Student Affairs Committee and a current member of the Steering Committee. He also currently serves the University as a member of the Athletic Affairs Committee (one year) and the Advisory Committee on Equity (eight years).

Matt is an award-winning, internationally-known composer and arranger for concert and marching bands, with over 125 publications to his credit. He was honored to experience his Carnegie Hall debut in March 2016 with a world premiere performance by the Purdue Wind Ensemble. His marching and pep band arrangements have been heard by millions at festivals, bowl games, basketball tournaments, and other major sporting events since 1999.

Matt attended Indiana University – Bloomington, where he received his Bachelor of Music Education with Distinction in 2001. He earned a Masters of Music degree from Sam Houston State University in 2010. He is a member of Phi Beta Mu, NAFME, CBDNA, NBA, Indiana Music Educators Association, Indiana Bandmasters Association, and ASCAP. He is in demand as a clinician and adjudicator at concert and marching band festivals and competitions throughout the United States. Matt makes his home in West Lafayette, IN with his partner Andrew, a senior technologist at Caterpillar and Purdue graduate.

David Koltick, Physics and Astronomy

I have been at Purdue 40 years.

Things that have influenced me, first my growing up in Libya, North Africa during the 50s and early 60s. Returning to the United States, I worked in international collaborations at all the major particle accelerator laboratories; Fermilab, SLAC, and Brookhaven. I also worked in an all-Japanese group at KEK particle physics laboratory located outside Tokyo taking a leading role in hardware and theoretical efforts in Electroweak Interactions. For a period at Purdue, I led the development of the Applied Physics Laboratory, which included a research facility off-campus. I also took leadership in the development of commercial applications and founded 2K Corporation focused on neutron related technology. 10 years ago, I founded Advanced Physics Technologies, and under my leadership completed projects at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and now APT is involved in defense applications. This past decade I have advised international

companies in the USA, China and Malaysia concerning security applications in international trade.

Presently, at Purdue my research is focused on the search for dark matter and the study of symmetry principles, both experimentally and theoretically, supported by the Department of Energy and Fermilab. Past support has come from the Atomic Energy Commission, DHS, DARPA, and Commercial Companies.

I ran for political office as State Senator of Indiana, in my first political race received 48% of the vote and after was elected two terms to the Tippecanoe County Council. I took leadership positions in the oversight of the Health Department, the Judicial System, and Police, and oversight of the country development through Area Plan and Roads.

Presently, I am Chair of the University Radiation Safety Committee, provide oversight (CORO) for nuclear reactor PUR1, been a Senator 4 years, and on the Faculty Affairs Committee.

Brian Leung, English

Brian Leung was appointed to the Purdue University faculty in August 2014 at Full Professor rank as Director of Creative Writing. In the summer prior to joining Purdue, Professor Leung completed his service as Director of the U.S. Department of State Institute on Contemporary Literature. He oversees Purdue's internationally recognized Creative Writing BA and MFA program, as well as the nationally distributed literary journal *Sycamore Review*. He served for four years on the College of Liberal Arts Senate and is the current chair of the University Senate Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee. Past university-level service includes the Grievance Committee, Censure and Dismissal, and Traffic Enforcement Appeals Committee (Staff/Faculty). He meets monthly, as part of his EDIC duties, with Provost Akridge and Vice Provost Gates, as well as with President Daniels in the University Senate Advisory Committee.

Brian is an award-winning fiction writer of five books (a sixth in 2023), having received the Asian-American Literary Award, the Willa Award for Historical Fiction, the Mary McCarthy Award, and a Lambda Literary Dr. James Duggins Outstanding Mid-Career Novelist Award, among other accolades. His publications appear internationally and in translation. He is a sought-after judge for literary awards and served for three years as the External Academic Advisor for City University Hong Kong. Brian's pedagogy focuses on enhancing the critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills of both Purdue University's Liberal Arts and STEM-focused students.

Brian attended California State University, Los Angeles, where he received a BA and MA in English. He also attended Indiana University – Bloomington, where he received his Master of Fine Arts in Fiction. He is a graduate of the Purdue University Extension Master Gardener Program. Brian and his chiropractor husband live near downtown Lafayette and perform volunteer service for fourteen surrounding counties through leadership positions in The Arts Federation.