TO: The University Senate
FROM: University Senate Nominating Committee
SUBJECT: Nominees for University Senate Nominating and Steering Committees
REFERENCE: Bylaws of the University Senate
DISPOSITION: Election by the University Senate

The Nominating Committee proposes the following nominees for service on the University Senate Nominating and Steering committees. The persons elected are to serve the period of years shown following each name. Brief biographies of the nominees are included below (when submitted).

A. For the 1 vacancy on the Nominating Committee, the following 2 faculty members are proposed:

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B. For the 5 vacancies on the Steering Committee, the following 10 faculty members are proposed:

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Approving (via email):

Stephen Byrn
Richard Cosier
Buster Dunsmore
Patricia Hart
Michael Hill
Peter Hirst
Iñigo Sanchez-Llama
Nominating Committee – Nominates elective members for all senate committees. Solicit information from the faculty concerning faculty preferences and qualifications for committee assignments annually.

Russell Jones
Visual and Performing Arts

An associate professor of stage design at Purdue since 1998, Russ Jones served as chair of the Department of Theatre his first ten years at Purdue and the prior five years at the University of Kentucky. He is a past chair of Design and Technology for Region III of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival [KCACTF] and was awarded the 2004 national scenic design fellowship for the KCACTF Summer Design Intensives at the Kennedy Center. His Master of Fine Arts degree in stage design is from Northwestern University.

Jones has designed over 120 productions for theatre, opera, and television. Recent work includes Comedy Sportz, Chicago; Death and the Maiden, Centaur Theatre, Montreal; The Nutcracker, RiverPark Center, Kentucky; River of Time, (world premiere) Lexington Opera House; Quartet, Hudson Village Theatre, Quebec; Big Ten television programs: The Danny Hope Show, The Matt Painter Show, and The Sharon Versyp Show, Learfield Communications; and, the 2009 Purdue Christmas Show. He received Chicago’s Joseph Jefferson Citation for Outstanding Achievement in Scenic Design for Noises Off at Pegasus Players.

In June of 2009 Jones was an invited lecturer at the Beijing Dance Academy and the Central Academy of Drama in Beijing. While in China, he consulted on a new theatre facility at the American International School of Guangzhou.

Steven Wereley
Mechanical Engineering

No biography was received.

Steering Committee – Shall propose the agenda for every session of the senate, ensure the distribution of the agenda to each member of the senate at least five days before each regularly scheduled meeting. The Steering Committee may schedule an annual report of each of the senate committees to the senate. The various councils will be requested by the Steering Committee to inform the senate of their activities, studies, and recommendations at fixed intervals to be established by the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee shall receive communications from any faculty member or group of members who wish to present any proposal before any meeting of the senate.

Kirk Alter
Building Construction Management Technology

Kirk Alter is an Associate Professor in the Department of Building Construction Management. He teaches sustainable development and green building construction in the undergraduate program, research methods and sustainable global entrepreneurship in the graduate program, and an interdisciplinary course with colleagues from history, linguistics, women’s studies and agricultural and biological engineering in sustainable global collaboration. He is the director of
continuing education in BCM and has delivered professional education at Purdue to more than 1000 industry partners. His recent and current research areas include examining opportunities to increase the energy efficiency in homes of low-income families and the effectiveness of global collaborations in creating sustainable entrepreneur boot-strapping incubators in East Africa. He is active in the examination of current trends in higher education delivery and administration and in the development and delivery of alternative transdisciplinary offerings to students. He has broad industry experience in governance at the board of director level having served as a director for both private firms and a public utility company. Alter was elected to the Purdue Senate in 2012 as the BCM representative from the College of Technology.

Paul Ebner  
Animal Sciences

Paul Ebner is an associate professor in the Department of Animal Sciences. His research focuses on food safety in livestock production and the development of technologies to limit foodborne pathogen transmission in food animals. Paul has several active Extension and outreach programs focused on food safety, microbiology and the interface between livestock production and human health. He has also developed a service learning course where U.S. and Romanian undergraduate students work in teams alongside Romanian livestock producers to develop and implement solutions to the challenges that they face in their operations. Paul was elected to the Purdue senate in 2013 as the “at-large” member from the College of Agriculture.

William Hutzel  
Mechanical Engineering Technology

William (Bill) Hutzel is a Professor of Mechanical Engineering Technology and a Professional Engineer. His academic career has focused on learning, discovery, and engagement related to high performance buildings. He was the faculty leader for Purdue’s participation in the 2011 Solar Decathlon, an international competition where teams of university students design and build net zero energy homes that are functional, comfortable and affordable. He also manages Purdue’s Applied Energy Laboratory, a unique facility for teaching and research that features a variety of commercial HVAC equipment and solar energy systems that are monitored and controlled by web-enabled building automation systems. Hutzel also has an interest in energy policy and served as a Congressional Fellow in the U.S. Senate for 2007-20078. Hutzel has served two terms in the Purdue University Senate as a representative from Mechanical Engineering Technology. He was most recently elected in 2012 and is on the University Resources Policy Committee.

Yaman Kaakeh  
Pharmacy Practice

Dr. Kaakeh is a Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice in the College of Pharmacy; her focus being in the area of internal medicine pharmacotherapy. She provides both didactic and experiential education for Doctor of Pharmacy students. Her research interests include drug-induced adverse effects and clinical application of evidence-based medicine. She is double board certified by the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties as a Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist and a Board Certified Nutrition Support Pharmacy Specialist. Dr. Kaakeh serves on the Purdue biomedical institutional review board and is an active member of multiple national pharmacy organizations. She was elected to the Purdue University Senate in
2013 from the College of Pharmacy.

**Mark Lawley**  
Biomedical Engineering

Mark Lawley is Professor of Biomedical Engineering in the Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering at Purdue University. Before joining Biomedical Engineering in 2007, he served nine years as Assistant and Associate Professor of Industrial Engineering, also at Purdue, two years as Assistant Professor of Industrial Engineering at the University of Alabama, and he has held engineering positions with Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Emerson Electric Company, and the Bevill Center for Advanced Manufacturing Technology. As a researcher in academics, he has authored over 100 technical papers including book chapters, conference papers, and refereed journal articles, and has won four best paper awards for his work in systems optimization and control. Four of his doctoral students hold faculty positions at major universities, and, in 2006, he received the James H. Greene Graduate Educator Award from Purdue’s School of Industrial Engineering. He received the PhD in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign in 1995.

**Sandra Liu**  
Consumer Sciences and Retailing

Sandra S. Liu is currently Professor and Director of Graduate Studies of Department of Consumer Science and Director of Center for Global Urban Sustainability in College of Health and Human Sciences of Purdue University. Liu has taught undergraduate honor’s class on global health, entrepreneurship certificate program, sales force management, and strategic issues; and consumer behavior theories, strategy and business modeling, and social entrepreneurship in healthcare at the graduate level. She has been active in promoting health and wellness among underserved populations in the State of Indiana and internationally. Liu was elected co-chair of Covering Kids and Family (CKF) Lake County Coalition since 2011 and currently chair of its Enrollment and Infrastructure Committee; and a member of CKF’s state-wise school committee. On the global level, Liu is Director of Public Health and Policy Committee of International Breast Cancer (Prevention) and Nutrition Program in Purdue Center for Cancer Research. She also leads several research and training initiatives in the areas of hospital management and community health programs for the indigents in China and Taiwan. Liu’s research focuses on the strategic issues and business modeling in customer contact activities in an e-environment. Her current endeavor is to examine these issues in the health and wellness context: 1) Strategic leadership in leading and managing transformation of healthcare; 2) building uniform platform for integrating and synergizing enrollment efforts across healthcare, schools, and social services to ensure sustainable health and wellness among uninsured populations; and 3) consumer/patient connectedness through the technology of social media and iCloud. In the Fall 2012, Liu was appointed to replace Sharon Burns on her position at the Purdue Senate and the Steering Committee.

**Zygmunt Pizlo**  
Psychological Sciences

Zygmunt Pizlo is a Professor in the Department of Psychological Sciences and in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Pizlo's research is on computational models of human vision, problems solving and motor control. He is implementing the models in robots and
compares robot's performance to human. His research has been supported by the NSF, AFOSR, DOE and DOD. He has served as a member of the University Senate since 2009. He was a member of the faculty affairs committee for two years.

**Alberto Rodriguez**  
Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Rodriguez is the Mary Endres Chair in Elementary Teacher Education and Professor of cross-cultural science education in the Department of Curriculum. His research focuses on the use of sociotransformative constructivism (sTc) as a theoretical framework that merges multicultural education tenets (as a theory of social justice) with social constructivism (as a theory of learning). Thus, Dr. Rodriguez is investigating how teachers can make their pedagogy and curriculum more culturally and socially relevant to all students, as well as how teachers can better integrate STEM across all curriculum subjects.

He was recently one of the Principal Investigators of the *Effective Science Teaching for English Language Learners* (ESTELL) Project. This was a professional development research project involving pre-service teachers from three large universities in California. The project was sponsored by NSF with a $3.1 million grant. Dr. Rodriguez’s work has been published in various journals such as, the American Educational Research Journal, the Journal of Research in Science Teaching, Research in Science Education, the Journal of Teacher Education, Theory into Practice, and many others. One of his previously published article was selected for a special issue of the Journal of Research in Science Teaching (JRST) in which 9 of the most influential science education articles on multicultural science education in the last 30 years were re-published and made widely available to educators and policy makers. A committee of 12 science educators reviewed 233 articles using a scoring rubric. The selected article was: Strategies for counterresistance: Toward sociotransformative constructivism and learning to teach science for diversity and for understanding. Previously published in 1998, and re-reprinted in the special issue: Multicultural science education, equity and social justice. JRST, November 2011. According to the ISI Journal Citation Reports, JRST is ranked 4/184 education and educational research journals. He has also edited and co-edited several research-based books. The co-edited volume with Rick Kitchen (math education) entitled, Preparing Prospective Mathematics and Science Teachers to Teach for Diversity: Promising Strategies for Transformative Action (2005), was selected as an Outstanding Academic Title in 2005 by Choice Magazine.

Dr. Rodriguez received the *Kappa Delta Pi – Teaching and Teacher Education Research Award* from the American Educational Research Association in 2000, and the New Mexico State University’s *Award for Exceptional Achievements in Creative Scholarly Activity* in 2002.

Dr. Rodriguez served as a Senator for the College of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (1994-1997); Chair of the Faculty Council (a senate-like faculty body composed of elected officials but functioning at the college level, 2007-2008); and Chair of the Latino/a Caucus of the California Faculty Association (2007-2008).

**Charles Ross**  
English

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Harry Targ
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