

**TO:** The University Senate  
**FROM:** University Senate Nominating Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Nominees for Vice Chairperson of the University Senate  
**REFERENCES:** Bylaws, Section 3.20b, c  
**DISPOSITION:** Election by the University Senate

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate to serve as vice chairperson of the University Senate for the academic year 2012-2013. The nominee for chairperson is:

David Williams	Veterinary Administration
Abdelfattah Nour	Basic Medical Sciences

Candidate résumés are attached.

Approving, via e-mail:

Patricia Bauman  
Natalie Carroll  
Michael Fosmire  
Joan Fulton  
William McInerney  
Suzanne Parker  
J. Paul Robinson  
Sam Wagstaff

## **David J. Williams**

David J. Williams is a professor of medical illustration. He joined the Purdue University faculty in 1973, coming to West Lafayette from the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University. Professor Williams' original award winning medical illustrations can be found in journal articles, books, and various other forms of media publications. His scholarly interest in the history of art in science and medicine led to Professor Williams being named a Visiting Scholar in History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Cambridge in 2009. At Cambridge, he was a Visiting Fellow at Clare Hall and Clare's Governing Body elected Professor Williams a Life Member of the College. He has won Literary Awards for his scholarly publications, and is co-author of *Veterinary Medicine: An Illustrated History*, the only work of its kind in English.

Professor Williams has a longstanding interest in faculty partnering with administration in University governance. He has served on the Advisory Committee for two Purdue Presidents. He chaired the Student Affairs Committee and is in his fifth year as chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee in the Purdue University Senate. He recently served on the Steering Committee for the HLC/NCA Re-Accreditation of Purdue University, the Blue Ribbon Healthcare Committee, and the Steering Committee for Purdue's Decadal Funding Plan. He is currently a member of the University's Human Resources Governance Council and is vice chair of the Special Advisory Committee to the Presidential Search Committee of the Board of Trustees.

David, and his wife, Andrea, a continuing lecturer in the Academic Success Center, raised four children in West Lafayette. Two daughters graduated from Purdue, a third graduated from DePauw and then earned an MBA from Indiana University, and their son graduated from Michigan State University. Their second daughter is currently in the MPH program at Johns Hopkins University.

## **Abdelfattah Nour**

Abdelfattah Nour is an African-American, and a Professor of Basic Medical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine. He joined the Purdue University faculty in 1988 after a very successful career as a professor and head department at Gezira University, Sudan. In Sudan, Professor Nour and his colleagues established, following the American model, a new university. He was intimately involved in designing the undergraduate and graduate curriculum, community outreach and service learning programs, and the partnerships with the industry. The University is rated now as the second best in the country.

Professor Nour received with meritorious distinctions his DVM from the University of Khartoum, Sudan, in 1971, and earned both his M.S. and Ph.D. from Cornell University of Ithaca, New York, in 1980, and 1982, respectively. He served in the University's different Committees, and was Advisor to the Regional Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, and advisor to State Minister of Agriculture, Sudan. He also served as Chairman of the Food Security Task Force in the Central Region of Sudan. As a career academician, Professor Nour diligently worked in three universities, and served in various committees at the level of the department, the college, and the University. He was member of Purdue's Globalization Task Force and advisor to the African Students' Association. In addition, he was a Fulbright Scholar in 2005, a 2009 Community of Service Learning Faculty Fellow, and the UNESCO-UNITWIN Biological Sciences Program coordinator, USA. Professor Nour was one of three pioneers who provided foundational courses for the now accredited Veterinary Technology DL Program. Professor Nour's Interactive and e-learning contributions were well received nationally and internationally. He was invited and keynote speaker in Japan, Romania, Hungary, Egypt, Poland, Jordan, and Sudan. Professor Nour's teaching experiences over the last 23 years here at Purdue include teaching professional DVM students, graduate students, undergraduate students, and veterinary technology students.

Professor Nour is very interested in and passionate about creating healthy and effective partnership between the faculty and the university administration, and across colleges, disciplines. At Purdue, Professor Nour served as a member of the first University-faculty dialogue that helped create the office of International programs, and developed the strategic focus for internationalization of the university and colleges. Professor Nour was instrumental in developing the internationalization plan for the School of Veterinary Medicine. He was the founding director (1994-2009) of the Office of International Programs in Veterinary Medicine; and in that capacity Professor Nour succeeded in encouraging participation studying abroad from 0% to nearly 30%, and created enduring and successful partnerships with many universities around the world. Across

disciplines, Professor Nour served as the member the Advisory Committee for International Programs, Chairman of the Middle East Initiative, and member of the Advisory Committee in Agriculture.

Professor Nour is married to Dr. Sulma Mohammed, Associate Professor of Cancer Biology at Purdue, and Adjunct Professor at IU, and the father of four children. His immediate family members received from Purdue two BSC degrees, one masters, and a Ph.D. He and his immediate family have two DVM's, two Ph.Ds., four Masters, and two BSC degrees. This illustrates clearly the dedication and commitment of Professor Nour and his family to university education