

2019-2020 University Senate Leadership Election Campaign Statements

Executive Committee – Chair

Jon Oliver, New Brunswick Staff

I am asking your consideration for my candidacy as chair of the University Senate. It has been my honor to serve as vice chair these past two years and I hope to continue my service to you in this new role. I have served on the Senate since 2008, co-chair and subsequently chair of the University Structure and Governance Committee since 2009, Senate Parliamentarian since 2016 and a member of the Executive Committee since 2013. I have also chaired the University Commencement Panel served as co-chair of the Nominating Panel and a member of the Appeals Panel throughout my service on the Senate.

During that time, I have been privileged to serve with so many remarkable Senators on issues of importance to Rutgers. As chair of the University Structure and Governance Committee, I work with various constituencies to enhance and strengthen shared governance at Rutgers. Over time I have requested 6 charges subsequently approved and written or co-written 17 committee reports subsequently deliberated by the entire Senate on important issues confronting the university. These include the merger of the nursing and law schools, Senate size, and constituency, robust and enhanced shared governance and effective communication, the process to select the honorary degree recipients and commencement speakers and a process for the merging and dissolution of both academic and administrative units to name just a few.

I seek this new role not because I believe I can do better than others. I seek it because I love Rutgers, I value the Senate and I want to play a small role in the health and future of the Senate and the institution. We are stewards of this phenomenal institution. The University was founded long before I was born and will thrive long after I am no longer on this Earth. All I can do is try to play a small role in nurturing its future and work hard to help it continue to grow. In the past two years, I have attended all 16 Senate meetings thus far and all 16 Executive Committee meetings, (100% attendance for both).

I pledge to continue to work to promote the Senate's mission and to ensure that the Senate continues to grow and flourish as shared governance is so vital in the life and future of Rutgers. I would be honored and humbled if you entrust the chair to me and will work every day to be worthy of that confidence and trust. Together we make Rutgers the strong and diverse AAU research institution it is. I hope you will consider my candidacy and I commit myself to do my best to ensure that the mission and goals of the university are met, and to ensure that all parts of our community are represented and heard. If elected I will do my best to serve with integrity, hard work, and tireless service.

Thank you for your consideration.

Executive Committee – Vice Chair

Peter Gillett, RBS:UNB (F)

I am asking for your vote as Vice Chair of the University Senate. I have previously served on the *Executive Committee* for nine years, the last three years as your Chair, and I now hope to have the opportunity to extend my service to you all. Here is some background:

1. After working at all levels including partner in two international accounting firms, I returned to academia, obtained my PhD, and joined the faculty of the *Rutgers Business School–Newark and New Brunswick* in 1996. I have taught and worked both in New Brunswick (where my current office is located) and in Newark (where my School is based). I have been an active member of the Senate for five terms, working on the *University Structure and Governance Committee* (as Chair or Co-Chair for five years) and on the *Budget and Finance Committee*. I have recently been re-elected to serve a sixth term. On *USGC*, I presented resolutions to increase staff representation on Senate, to preserve student representation through reorganization in New Brunswick, and to rebalance the size and composition of the Senate. I also worked with my committee on significant resolutions relating to the Vagelos report, the reorganization of undergraduate education in NB, the formation of a new nursing school in Camden, the preservation of Camden's place within Rutgers, enhanced shared governance at Rutgers, management of Senate business, etc. I followed Paul Panayotatos as Chair of the Senate's *Ad-Hoc Committee on Shared Governance*. On *Budget and Finance*, I spearheaded a prior year review of the University Budget. For the three years prior to being Chair, I served as the University Senate Parliamentarian. I have been proud and privileged to serve as your Vice Chair and Chair in the past three years, and to represent Rutgers at meetings of the Shared Governance organizations of the other CIC members.
2. Beyond the Senate, I have served on the *NB Faculty Council* and its Curriculum Committee, and am the Faculty Advisor to the *Rutgers University Glee Club* and *Kirkpatrick Choir*. I have been elected to serve a eighth term as Faculty Secretary and Chair of the Committee on Rules of Procedure of the Rutgers Business School, served on multiple other committees, coordinated our PhD program for five years, and for two years was Academic Director of the *Prudential Business Ethics Center*.
3. My three children, my son-in-law, and my daughter-in-law-elect, all graduated from Rutgers, giving me considerable experience as a Rutgers parent, and insights into student life, educational costs, organizational challenges, and the infamous RU Screw.
4. My contributions as Chair, I believe, have been the ability both to see the big picture and to attend to small but significant details; steadfast refusal to put popularity ahead of the need to speak truth and do right as I see them; rich experience of committee work both within Rutgers and in the business community; wide-ranging commitment to Rutgers, to the Senate, and to shared governance; determination to do what I can to help make Rutgers the best university it can be, for everyone; detailed working knowledge of technology and accounting; and a British sense of humor (which I clearly need . . .). Apparently, however, I do lack brevity. Sorry. I have greatly enjoyed my work on Senate so far, and learned a great deal from it, especially about collaborative work and about how Rutgers functions. It has been my privilege to serve as your Chair for the last three years, during which the Senate did many things I am proud of – for which credit is mostly due to Senators, especially active committee members. I had some small hand in a statement on “Rutgers – A Safe and Welcoming Environment,” in codifying our parliamentary procedures, and in starting meetings on time!

5. My passions now are to promote effective shared governance at Rutgers, and to play the most productive role I personally can in making Rutgers the best place to live, learn, study, research, work, grow, develop, and serve that it can possibly be.
6. Because Senator Cotter stepped up to serve as my predecessor's Vice Chair when Chair Panayatatos passed away, I served only one year as Chair Gould's Vice Chair. In offering my services now to assist the next Chair, I am therefore intending both to emulate Senator Cotter's service model and to make my experience available to the new Chair and Executive Committee on an ongoing basis.

In accordance with the requirements of Recommendation 2 in report S-1501, I report my attendance record for the past two years as follows: I have been a member of the Budget & Finance Committee for both years, and have attended all but one of its monthly meetings (on which occasion I had to attend to other duties as Chair of the Senate). With one meeting yet to come this year, there have been 17 Senate Meetings so far in the past two years, 100% of which I have attended; in addition, there have been 16 Executive Committee meetings, 100% of which I have attended.

I shall greatly appreciate your vote and look forward to serving you and our institution once more as we work together on our second magnificent and revolutionary 250 years!

Executive Committee – Camden Faculty

Babu Dasari, UC-C (F)

I have been on faculty at Economics Department, College of Arts & Science, Rutgers- Camden since 2012. Except for my first year in Rutgers – Camden, I have been serving as a member of Academic Standards, Regulations and Admissions Committee, and University Senator with lots of commitment and dedication. I have hardly missed any of the Senate meetings during the past 6 years. I truly understand the role of University Senate in paying attention to the voices of its constituents such as faculty, students, administrators and alumni, and thereby advising the Rutgers' president and the boards appropriately on various matters pertaining to the growth and development of the University in general, and well-being & enrichment of the stakeholders of the University in particular. I always feel proud to be a part of the Senate for its sensible and responsible job it has been performing all these years.

I have served as a member of the Executive Committee of Rutgers University Senate during 2018-2109. This has been a great experience in several ways especially in terms of learning and addressing various critical and important issues pertaining to the University and its constituents. Having had a decent understanding of the functioning of the University Senate and the preeminent role of the Executive Committee, I intend to serve as a member of the Executive Committee this year also. If I am elected, I'll contribute my best to the honor and well-functioning of the Executive Committee. Even though I represent faculty by virtue of my constituency, as always I'll represent the voices of all constituents of the Senate (faculty, students, administrators and alumni) for a better tomorrow.

Executive Committee – Newark Faculty

Natalie Borisovets, Libraries (F)

I've been an active member of the University Senate since 1988. In that time I have served as Senate Chair, as Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors and Trustees, as a member of numerous Senate working groups, as a member of the Executive Committee, and currently serve as Chair of the Instruction, Curricula & Advising Committee, the Committee that in recent

years has looked at important issues ranging from online instruction and the support for that instruction, the availability of testing facilities throughout the University, how to improve the evaluation of teaching, to privacy and access to records.

Shared governance, of which the Senate is an integral part, is a key component of the makeup of the University. Unlike most other university senates, the Rutgers University Senate gives all segments of the University a representative voice. In a time of increasing silos and internal division, the role of the Senate in bringing the community together to address issues and work toward a common good is critical. The Executive Committee, as the group which guides and sets the agenda, is a vital component of this unique shared governance body. I am privileged to have been given the opportunity to participate and contribute to that group in the past; I hope that you grant me the opportunity to do so again.

Executive Committee – New Brunswick Faculty

Robert Boikess, NB At-Large (F)

As a member of the Senate for more than 35 years, as a member of the New Brunswick Faculty Council from its creation, as a member of countless committees whose charges ranged from parking to athletics, even to academics, and as an active leader in collective bargaining, I have learned a great deal. I have learned how things work; I have learned how to get things done; I have learned what matters. Now is a critical time for Rutgers. I ask you for the opportunity to use what I've learned and my experience to work with the leadership to set the agenda that will help us all become the very best we can be.

Ann Gould, SEBS (F)

I am a sixth-term Senator representing the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences. Since 2002, I have been honored to serve as chair and vice-chair of the Senate, faculty representative to the Board of Governors, and for 15 years, served as co-chair of the Faculty and Personnel Affairs Committee. As a member of the Executive Committee, I wish to continue the work and relationships established in my previous roles. These years of service to the Senate have been challenging, professionally satisfying, and ever interesting. As I seek to continue my service, I truly appreciate your consideration and vote.

Norman Markowitz, SAS-NB (F)

I have been a member of the Rutgers faculty since 1971 and have served many terms in the University Senate since 1981. I have participated over the years in the Senate's important role in defending faculty, students, and staff on a great many issues. But I have also seen the influence of both the Senate and faculty, student, and staff input in University policy making decline sharply over the years. The Senate brings Rutgers together more than any other institution. If elected I will work as hard as I can to make the Senate once more serve as a voice for a democratic public university that the university President, Chancellors, and Deans will take seriously in the development of university policy.

Elizabeth C. Matto, NB - Other Centers, Bureaus, and Institutes (F)

I'm honored that my peers have nominated me as the New Brunswick Faculty Member of the Executive Committee. I've served on the Rutgers University Senate for two years, representing Centers and Institutes and have co-chaired the Student Affairs Committee this academic year with Senator Julie Serrano.

A political scientist by training, I'm an Associate Research Professor at the Eagleton Institute of Politics and the Director of the Institute's Center for Youth Political Participation (CYPP). I earned my doctorate in American Politics at the George Washington University and have been with the Eagleton Institute of Politics since 2006. In addition to being a Rutgers faculty member, I currently am a Rutgers parent – my daughter is a student of Douglass Residential College and is completing her first year.

The mission of Eagleton is to link the study of politics with the practice of politics. The emphasis on linking the theoretical with the practical is reflected in my approach to teaching, service, and scholarship. As a professor, I seek to extend my students' learning outside the classroom and offer them meaningful experiential learning opportunities. For example, students' understanding of youth political participation is enhanced by working on our RU Voting effort to register and mobilize Rutgers students or our RU Ready civic engagement initiative administered in New Brunswick High School.

My scholarship reflects my interest in blending the theoretical with the practical. Most recently, I served as lead editor of Teaching Civic Engagement Across the Disciplines published by the American Political Science Association (APSA) and edit the text's companion website. My 2017 book Citizen Now: Engaging in Politics and Democracy reviews and critiques existing research on youth political engagement and offers a fresh perspective on youth engagement grounded in their experiences. I've played an active and leading role in organizing APSA's "Teaching and Learning Conference" and am co-chair of the Political Science Education Division for the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

I've greatly enjoyed my time as a member of the Rutgers University Senate and co-chair of the Student Affairs Committee and have learned a great deal. In many ways, my time as a Senator has provided me with the experiential learning I try to offer my students. As Rutgers faculty and now a Rutgers parent, I'm proud to be a part of the State University of New Jersey and would be honored to represent my peers as a member of the Executive Committee in service to the University.

Executive Committee – RBHS Faculty Member

Anil Ardeshta, RSDM (F)

Dr Ardeshta has a long history with legacy UMDNJ and Rutgers. His goal has been to participate in the growth and well-being of students, postgraduates, staff, and faculty to the highest levels locally and nationally through teaching and learning, patient care and research and creative activity. He has sought to provide excellence in the service area by building and supporting relationships and by taking leadership roles in the administration of teaching, research, and clinical services in the department, school and university. He has developed significant new collaborations within RBHS, Rutgers Engineering and Chemistry departments and foreign schools

His university service includes being a Rutgers University Senator and RBHS Faculty Councilor. He has made multiple service and leadership contributions to local and national organizations. He is a board member and Secretary for the Middlesex Dental Society. He is actively involved with the Middle Atlantic Society of Orthodontists (MASO) as chair of Committee on membership and their representative to the AAO council on Orthodontic Education. Dr. Ardeshta is also a site visitor for the orthodontic advanced program for the Council on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

Dr. Ardeshta is committed to the core values of the Rutgers institution including excellence, respect, integrity, diversity and cooperation.

James Oleske, RBHS – Other Centers, Bureaus, and Institutes (F)

I am honored to be a nominee for the RBHS Faculty Member of the Executive committee next year. My back ground includes 50+ years as a student, resident, and now faculty member at the same medical school that I graduated from in 1971. During this time, I served as Medical Director of the FXB Center for Children, one of the nation's largest treatment and clinical trials centers for childhood HIV/AIDS and the Center for Laboratory Immunology. Despite extensive and diversified research, much of this work over the past 40 years, focused on both prevention and treatment for Perinatal HIV/AIDS infection in infants, children and adolescents in US and underserved International countries as well as teaching/mentoring medical students and resident in the practice and care of child with both acute and chronic illnesses. I have also served as a NJMS faculty representative to the RBHS Senate since its inception and have also served on the executive committee during this time. In 2002, I became the Medical Director of the Circle of Life Foundation for the provision of palliative care for children and adolescents with chronic diseases an outgrowth of my early experiences with the high mortality and the painful lives experienced by children with AIDS. Throughout my career, I have authored over 325 peer-reviewed articles, written 65 chapters and medical reports and participated in over 300 abstracts presented at national and international meetings.

Executive Committee - PTLs

Karen Thompson, PTL-NB (F)

Teaching as a part-time lecturer in the Writing Program of the English Department at Rutgers University since 1979 and being active in the AAUP-AFT most of that time, has given me broad familiarity with the workings of the University and loads of experience helping to solve all sorts of problems. Organizing PTLs into a union and helping to negotiate many rounds of collective bargaining agreements for PTLs, has given me particular expertise advocating for PTLs. I currently serve as the representative to the University Senate Executive Committee for PTLs, as Senator for New Brunswick PTLs, as representative to the New Brunswick Faculty Council for PTLs, as representative to the NBFC Executive Committee, and on the Rutgers AAUP-AFT PTL Executive Board. I have also served on (and chaired) national committees of the AAUP, MLA, CCCC. Access to tuition remission and academic freedom for PTLs are among the successes for PTLs that have been achieved in the Senate during my terms. Greater integration of PTLs into University life, conversion to full-time positions where feasible, and adequate compensation for PTLs' service activities are ongoing goals. I look forward to further advances professionalizing PTLs to the benefit of all at Rutgers.

Jose Torres, PTL-Camden (F)

I served on the University Senate representing PTL-Camden for two consecutive periods from 2015 until 2017, and I was recently reelected to this role for the 2019-2020 University Senate.

I would like very much to be elected for the Part-Time Lecturer Member of the Executive Committee next year. Rutgers University is very close to my heart as I received my Master of Science in Global Affairs and Master of Arts in Political Science degrees from our school. Currently, I am pursuing my PhD degree at Rutgers University and have attained an All But Dissertation status. I've been a Part-Time Lecturer in the School of Business since 2014 teaching a variety of topics including IT & Project Management, Applied Business Statistics, Operations Management, New Venture Entrepreneurship, Multinational Business, and Business Computing. I truly enjoy working in the academic environment enhancing the student experience and advocating teaching techniques within the online education.

In addition to being a Part-Time Lecturer, I work as a Senior Project Manager for a consulting firm in the Philadelphia-NYC area. Most of my clients are in the banking, pharmaceutical, and healthcare industries. My role is to provide strategic and project management support for different technology initiatives.

As someone who has worked as an evangelist in teaching methodology, I believe I have what it takes to be a significant contributor to Rutgers University and be part of the Executive Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Executive Committee – Staff

Adrienne Esposito, New Brunswick Staff

My name is Adrienne Esposito, and I would be honored to serve on the Rutgers University Senate Executive Committee.

I am starting my third term as Senator, and am a committed member of the University Structure and Governance Committee. I previously served one term on the Senate Executive Committee in 2017.

As a Rutgers alumna, I hold a strong passion for the University, its faculty, staff and students. I have served Rutgers as a member of the OIT for over 15 years, initially as Associate Director for Computing Services on the Newark Campus, to my current role as Director for Enterprise Infrastructure. Prior to Rutgers, I managed a technology firm in New York.

I have a diverse background in leadership, operations, budgeting, strategic planning, and personnel practices. My experiences have allowed me to contribute to a number of Senate charges:

- [A-1710: Policy on Centers and Institutes](#)
- [S-1604: Process for Unit Mergers or Other Structural Changes](#)
- [S-1403 Process for Unit Mergers](#)
- [S-1706 Sale of Alcohol in Stadiums](#) (Member of Ad Hoc Committee)

I also represent Rutgers in several national higher education communities: Member of the BTAA (Big Ten Academic Alliance) Network Directors Group; Co-Chair for the EDUCAUSE Communications and Applications Community Group (CIA); and Member of NJEdge.

With my experience, enthusiasm for embracing leadership roles, and my pride as a Rutgers alumna and parent of Rutgers students, I possess a multi-dimensional understanding of the unique needs – and great strengths – of our University. Thank you for your consideration.

Luz Kosar, Newark Staff

Please allowed me to nominate myself Luz Kosar, for the position on the Senate Executive Committee. I am interested in this position because it will give me the opportunity to address the concerns of staff members through existing or reformed policies.

This will also provide an opportunity to put on the table the demands of my fellow's staff members regarding equal treatment and fair compensation.

I request your support for my candidacy for the position on the Senate Executive Committee.

Arlene Hunter, New Brunswick Staff

I am honored to be nominated to be a member of the University Senate Executive Committee. Serving as a senator has been an incredible experience for me because I have learned so much more about Rutgers and the key leadership role the Senate holds. As a large, diverse body, the Senate functions on many levels and serves the University community in so many capacities. Our work is fundamental and over this past year I have come to more completely understand the significance of the Senate and, in addition, the value of the staff here at the University.

The experience of serving as a Senator representing the hard-working and vital staff has, at times, proven humbling, too. The truly multi-faceted staff truly deliver and follow through on a daily basis to make sure that the University's goals become reality. Our work is indispensable as we collaborate with academic leadership and students to endeavor to make Rutgers a stronger and better institution.

I am aware of the functions of the Executive Committee and appreciate the importance of its planning, referral, evaluation, and liaison functions. I understand that I would be expected to act as a liaison to a standing committee. I am mindful that representing such a large, diverse staff will be challenging and maybe even daunting at times. But what an invigorating and exhilarating responsibility and a vital one, too.

As a professional staff member at Rutgers University for almost 16 years, I have come to appreciate Rutgers and the many positive and significant ways it enriches the State, our students and other constituents. I have worked on several college campuses as a staff member for my entire thirty-year career. As a result of these experiences, I fully comprehend the intricacies of University leadership. Although we are members of an academic institution, the staff is so essential. We must own this role and demonstrate our value in order to be perceived and treated as full partners as we move this great institution forward.

Before joining Rutgers, I worked in the areas of residential life, diversity programs, student activities, student organizational and leadership programs, first generation student programs, international student advisement, and student judicial/conduct. Here at Rutgers, my work has been focused in the areas of enrollment management, admissions, academic advising, financial aid and scholarship, diversity and inclusion, and student success. For many years, I worked in the undergraduate arena but my time at Rutgers has provided me with a deep understanding and commitment to professional schools and graduate education as well.

I appreciate the opportunity to take on an increased leadership role and am committed to be a contributing member of the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee – Camden Students

Michael Van Stine, GS-C (S)

As both a Ph.D. and dual MPA/MS graduate student, it has been my continued honor to serve as a Camden Student Senator for the past six years and on the Executive Committee for the past three years. I have served on both our Faculty and Personnel Affairs Committee and more recently on the Research, Graduate and Professional Education Committee. I have been active in our Student Caucus.

On our Camden campus, I have also served as a member of our campus Board of Directors; for four years as Executive Senator in the Camden Student Government Association and for three years on our

Graduate Advisory Council. In 2015, I received our Chancellor's Award for Civic Engagement and last year received our Student Leader Award for Civic Engagement. After quite a few years of being dormant, with the help of some very talented students, I restarted our campus chapter of RUC Rotaract engaging our campus community as the lead sponsor of two campus-wide symposiums sponsored by our Community Leadership Institute and the University of San Juan and the University of Puerto Rico on rebuilding Puerto Rico while representing a student cohort by attending our annual Cuba symposium. There we advance work using universities as anchor institutions to help foster community development. I am working diligently on bringing international community service organizations back to Cuba after decades of dormancy all attached to graduate research at our campus in concert with the University of Havana. I am most proud to do this with Scarlet Pride!

I feel I am well-integrated into my campus community. I care greatly about our university as a whole. I have worked hard to bridge connections between our campus and the Senate. I have helped implement numerous approved charge actions on my campus as well as contributed to the development of many new and evolving charges of merit. I have been a strong supporter of our contingent faculty rights and freedom of speech protections. In the coming year, I am interested in also exploring ways in which we could further enhance the student experience. I also look forward to ways in which we can better address our shortage of Graduate Assistants.

It has been a pleasure to work with so many talented and inspirational people as we have who serve in the Senate. With your support, I look forward to another great year of continued service.

Executive Committee – Newark Students

[None at this time – Nominations may be made from the floor]

Executive Committee – New Brunswick Students

Emily Kane, SAS-NB (S)

Hello, my name is Emily Kane and I'm running to be the student representative to the Senate Executive Committee. I have been a member of the Rutgers University Student Assembly for two years, serving as a senator for a year and a half and the as Public Relations Committee Chair for the past year. Within the University Senate, I sit on the University Structure and Governance Committee and chair the Sustainability Sub-Committee. In these roles I have been able to develop my leadership skills through leading committees of fellow representatives and collaborating with stakeholders. As the student representative to the Senate Executive Committee, I will advocate for the needs of students by working to keep them engaged with the senate's work. I will bring important conversations from the student body and the student government to the Senate to foster a professional relationship between all university stakeholders. Overall, I will work to make the University Senate more accessible to further amplify the voices of those we represent.

Nicholas Tharney, RBS:UNB (S)

This upcoming academic year will be my third year in the University Senate, representing the undergraduate students of RBS New Brunswick. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve alongside many dedicated faculty, PTLs, staff, students, and alumni to represent the Rutgers University community as part of the Senate's proud and long tradition of shared governance. As a member of the Budget and Finance Committee, I have worked with the committee's ongoing efforts to analyze the university

budget. I have also collaborated with other members of student government to do research into the term bill fee structure at Rutgers, and at the request of the Chair, I anticipate presenting these findings to the committee in the fall. In addition to my work in the Senate, I served as a member of the Executive Board for the RBS undergraduate student government (RBGA), as well as the Parliamentarian for the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA), the campus-wide student government in which I worked to revise the standing rules and committee structure, draft a permanent elections code, and increase the level of transparency involved in the process by which RUSA allocates funding to student organizations, among other projects.

As the New Brunswick Student Member on the Executive Committee, I would like to work to increase accessibility by helping students bring charges to the Executive Committee and by advocating for the New Brunswick student constituency. Moreover, I would like to incorporate in my reports to the Senate information about more student governments at Rutgers. Often, the reports of the New Brunswick Student Executive Committee Member contain information about RUSA, but not the graduate student governing associations, or the professional school student governments. During my time on the banks, I have had the privilege of working with amazing student leaders from different student governments, and I would like to use these connections to better report on student business, which has been helpful to the Senate in the past. For example, a report on sustainability at the University drafted in RUSA has recently been referenced by two Senate Committees in connection with their charges. However, I also feel like this reporting cannot be one way, and if I am elected to this position, I would make a more concerted effort at reporting back on Senate business to different student leaders on campus; and hopefully, this would promote more participation by constituencies which do not frequently send their Senators.

Additionally, I would like to work with training for new Student Senators, continuing the work of this year's NB Student Executive Committee Member. Because students serve one-year terms in the Senate, they do not have the same level of experience as faculty members who have been in the Senate for twenty years. Training could help Student Senators better acclimate themselves to the Senate and to its committees, by allowing for a more comprehensive understanding of the Senate and how it operates. In fact, I ran similar training programs in RUSA and RBGA to help members better understand the history and structure of student government, how those bodies operate, and how to be comfortable using parliamentary procedure during debate. This is in line with the recommendations proposed by the Student Affairs Committee in response to Charge S-1804 and the efforts of the Executive Secretary of the Senate, and I would certainly like to aid in this process in any way that I can.

Furthermore, I would like to propose more charges that effectively use the University Senate's role in shared governance with respect to key University policies and practices. For example, while the Budget and Finance Committee has conducted annual reviews and reports on the budget, I think it is important that the committee investigate the budgeting priorities of the University. Moreover, as many Senators may recall, the Senate was not initially consulted prior to the adoption of the recent changes to the Code of Conduct. This not only impacts students, but all members of the Rutgers community, and it is imperative that the Senate make its voice heard on those types of policy matters. Finally, I would like to work to increase collaboration with other constituencies in the Senate. Frequently, it seems like the student senators are isolated, and while they have sizable representation in the Student Affairs Committee, they are thinly spread amongst the rest of the committees. I remember one instance in which a faculty member asked the former chair of the Student Affairs Committee for information about the committee's business because many faculty members apparently had little idea of what the committee was doing.

I would like to thank all of you for your consideration. It has been a pleasure to work with you, and I hope you will give me the honor to serve in this capacity during my final year at Rutgers.

Executive Committee – RBHS Students

Chase Stoprya, RBHS (S)

Hello, my name is Chase Stoprya and, I am honored to have been nominated to run for RBHS Student Senator on the Executive Committee for the Rutgers University Senate. I am asking for your consideration to serve in this position.

I am currently a graduate student at Rutgers Doctor of Physical Therapy Program. This past year (2018-2019), I have represented the School of Health Professions as the Rutgers SHP Student Senator while also serving on the Research, and Graduate and Professional Education Committee. As a senator, I provided a graduate student's perspective on charges the committee was asked to evaluate. Additionally, I called for an initiative to enhance the visibility of research conducted throughout Rutgers by utilizing social media in order to bring exposure to research throughout all of the disciplines at this prestigious university. At the Doctor of Physical Therapy South Program, I am an elected class representative and program ambassador. As such, I act as a liaison between faculty and students, while also addressing any students needs or bringing issues to the appropriate personnel to ensure the highest quality experience. If nominated to the Executive Board, I will continue to provide a voice to fellow students throughout the Rutgers community, while putting thoughts and ideas into action. I thank you for your time and consideration, and will leave you with the promise that, if elected, I will serve fellow students and Rutgers University to my utmost ability

Executive Committee – Alumni

Houshang Parsa, Alumni Association

It continues to be an honor to serving with you on the Rutgers University Senate as well as its Executive Committee for the past two years. Once again, I respectfully ask for your vote to re-elect me to the Rutgers University Senate Executive Committee.

I was first elected to the Senate in 2017, representing the Rutgers University Alumni Association (RUAA). I am a member of University Senate Structure and Governance Committee, and have also served on Senate Ad Hoc Committee for Evaluating Alcohol Sale at Sporting Events, as well as on the Senate Commencement and Nomination Committees. During this period, I have been inspired by your energy, enthusiasm, determination and commitment to advancing the collective interest of the Rutgers community.

For the past five years, I have also been serving on RUAA's Board of Directors and several of its Committees, including chairing the Committee on Inclusion and Diversity, where our aim is to creating a more diverse alumni leadership pipeline to serving on various Rutgers University committees and boards, including the Board of Governors, Board of Trustees, and Board of Overseers.

In 2015, I was elected president of my class, and chair of its Reunion Committee. As an alumnus, I have been actively promoting the interest of our family, the Rutgers University, by helping students and

engaging alumni in the life of the institution through communication and opportunities for them to participate in multiple educational programs and events.

One such program, which I co-chaired, was the award-winning Rutgers Alumni-Students Career Speed Networking, where about 150 students met with over 150 highly successful Rutgers alumni to improve their interview and job seeking skills. Through these kind of programs and similar measures, alumni connections to Rutgers continue to be strengthened, and students networking, job placement and internship with alumni continue to increase and expand.

Subsequently, in 2013, I was inducted into Rutgers Loyal Sons for having made a meaningful and long-standing commitment to the betterment of Rutgers by exemplifying extraordinary service to its students and alumni.

I also serve on the Board of Directors of the Rutgers Alumni Association (the oldest charter of RUAA), and its Committees, including Grants and Gifts, where we evaluate student organizations' applications for grants, and help sponsor their programs and events that are aimed at serving students and the greater Rutgers community.

I also chaired Rutgers Alumni Family Day Committee, where hundreds of alumni and their families participated in dozens of events at Rutgers Gardens, Rutgers Zone, and at Rutgers Physics Department, where people of all ages were entertained and introduced to a number of fascinating science experiments, based on the laws of physics. I have participated in and assisted with the Scarlet Day of Service, Admitted Students OpenHouse, and RUAA Students Scarlet Council, to name just a few.

I take pride in helping students, engaging alumni, and serving the University through RUAA and the Rutgers University Senate. Therefore, I am asking for your vote and support of my candidacy to serving on the Senate Executive Committee for 2019-2020 academic year. Thank You!

Board of Governors Faculty Representative

Rachel Kaye, NJMS (F)

Thank you for considering me in your election of a representative to the Board of Governors. I am so grateful to participate in the Rutgers Senate and wish to expand my representation of the faculty at Rutgers. As a physician I am dedicated to community service, the advancement of research, and ongoing education, all of which are exemplified at Rutgers and essential qualities that I wish to help continue. As a mother I am diligent, detail-oriented, and empathic in my collaborations with others. As a senator I am passionate, thoughtful, and appreciative of the opportunities that I have been given to further promote the Rutgers cause. These qualities will help me to best serve the larger Rutgers community as a representative. Thank you for your time and I hope that you will consider me in your voting ballots.

Samuel Rabinowitz, SB-C (F)

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served in a number of roles through the University Senate for well over the last two decades, currently as a Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors and co-chair of the Student Affairs Committee, and previously as Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees, University Senate Chair, member of the Senate Executive Committee, and Chair of the Academic Calendar and Commencement Committee. I have had the opportunity through these experiences to meet and work with many esteemed colleagues within the Senate, around all campuses, and on the Boards of Rutgers University. I wish to continue my contribution by serving as a Faculty

Representative to the Board of Governors. It is important to have representation on the various Board committees and I believe that I have been and would continue to be a positive and effective voice in this regard. The many bonds that I have built with members of the entire Rutgers community of stakeholders will aid me in being effective in this role. As examples, this ongoing relationship allowed me to engage in numerous conversations which were a vital part of keeping our Camden campus part of Rutgers as well as inform board members of Senate actions which they might not be aware of without our interaction. Thanks for giving me a moment of your busy day (and hopefully your vote as well)!

Board of Governors Student Representative

Abhishek Kashalikar, SEBS (S)

I am currently serving as Rutgers University Senator for School of Environmental and Biological Sciences and serving as member of the SEBS Governing Council. I have attended almost all the meetings since my election in the Fall 2018. I have voted on charges that addresses the current issues pertaining to the University. One of things I'm proud that I have done was that, I voted on resolution in SEBS governing council that would support my fellow Senator on helping in "Creation of an office of Sustainability and Engagement". I love doing what I'm doing. I feel that I will represent the student voices if elected to the Representative to the Board of Governors and Board of Trustees. Please vote for me.

Board of Trustees Faculty Representative

Boris Paskhover, NJMS (F)

As a former Rutgers College student myself, I understand the priorities and needs of the University outside of my current position. I benefited as a young undergrad from the various programs supported by the University and this provides me with the experience of what is vital for the undergraduates. Now as a faculty member at New Jersey Medical School, I understand the needs of the faculty as well. I would like to run to be a representative to the Board of Trustees since I am uniquely qualified to help integrate the views of the University as whole. I understand the economics of medicine as a surgeon faculty member and at the same time understand the fiscal needs of a large state-run institution which has a focus on supporting the undergraduate students and their faculty. I believe I can help our students and faculty achieve their best to grow our institution. Lastly, I have spent significant time outside of Rutgers, at Yale, Albert Einstein College of Medicine and NYU over the past decade which has given me insights and experience with a broad range of higher education institutions.

Robert A. Schwartz MD, MPH, NJMS (F)

It would be a great honor to continue as your Senate representative to the Rutgers Board of Trustees. I am grateful for your trust that has allowed me to assume a leadership role, again chairing the Academic Standards Regulations and Admissions Committee (ASRAC), this year with Regina Masiello. I had the privilege of chairing the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on the sale of alcoholic beverages at athletic events last year and RHBS 250 Committee in 2016. I worked hard to bring Rutgers together not only behind the scenes, but also personally testifying before the joint New Jersey State Senate-General Assembly Committee to unite the medical, dental and allied health schools into Rutgers. I have also had the chance to convey your needs and concerns as a member of the AAUP Board of Governors, being Chapter Secretary and sitting at the table during negotiations.

My experience of 35 years on this faculty and my days as a double alumnus of the University of California Berkeley, four years in political science and a master's degree in public health, taught me a lot,

especially about social issues and how much being together and working together, we faculty, staff, and students can achieve. We had no tuition when I began there, the state recognizing students as most important. As you may know, I enjoy helping and mentoring students and colleagues. I have collaborated with them on many of my 900 full articles and book chapters. I am fortunate to be a member of multiple editorial boards and have been elected an honorary member of the national societies of more than 20 countries in my specialty, which facilitates a wider perspective and gives us the opportunity for international collaboration. Leading our school chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha National Honor Medical Society is a great joy, since it allows for further recognizing the accomplishments of our students and faculty. I hope to have earned your continued support and would be grateful for your vote.

Menaheem Spiegel, Rutgers Business School Newark/New Brunswick (F)

I am honored to be considered as a faculty representative to Rutgers' Board of Trustees. I have been a University Senator for 12 years, and have also chaired the Senate's Budget and Finance Committee for the past ten years. In those capacities, I have enjoyed exploring some very interesting issues of fundamental importance to the ways Rutgers operates, and have also had the opportunity to discuss and hear viewpoints from faculty and from all areas represented in the Senate. I believe those experiences, and my 24 years as a faculty member in the Rutgers Business School -Newark and New Brunswick, coupled with my professional background and personal interests, would make me a capable member and a contributor to the work of the Board of Trustees and its committees. I hope you will agree, and I ask for your votes.

Board of Trustees Undergraduate Student Representative

[None at this time – Nominations may be made from the floor]

Board of Trustees Graduate Student Representative

[None at this time – Nominations may be made from the floor]