

CCSU FACULTY SENATE
OFFICIAL BALLOT

April 16, 2018

Grade Appeals Committee (VOTE FOR AT MOST 3)*1 from CLASS, 1 from SEPS, 1 at-large will be elected*

	Michael Bartone (Literacy, Elementary, & Early Childhood Education, SEPS)	I have served on this committee since the fall of '16 and have been a dedicated and committed member by upholding the mission and bylaws of the committee. Allowing me to serve another term would be an honor.
	Steven Block (Criminology & Criminal Justice, CLASS)	I would like to be considered for election to the Grade Appeals Committee. I served on the this committee previously and performed duties of chairperson in 2015-16. I believe the committee does extremely important work in carefully reviewing cases to properly balance the rights and responsibilities of both students and professors. I make sure to spend ample time on each case and review all submitted materials.
	Michelle Cubellis (Criminology & Criminal Justice, CLASS)	As a newer faculty member (entering my 3rd year) I would like to learn more about the grade appeals policy and help to assess the policy as it stands. This committee would provide the opportunity to gain a better understanding of some of the issues students have regarding grading through the evaluation of grade appeals. It would also be rewarding to help maintain fairness during the grading process.
	Gena Givens (Criminology & Criminal Justice, CLASS)	I have served on the Grade Appeals Committee for 2 years and have gained a significant understanding of policies and procedures pertaining to this committee. As a criminologist I am an advocate of fair and impartial due process for all parties involved. I would appreciate your vote and the opportunity to serve on the Grade Appeals Committee.
	Steve Kirstukas (Engineering, SEST)	I have previously served on the Information Technology, Academic Integrity, Graduate Studies, Sabbatical, and Academic Standards committees. Grading is an important part of what we do as faculty, but sometimes valid objections arise. I appreciate your consideration for my participation on this committee. Thank you.
	Peter Morano (Physical Education & Human Performance, SEPS)	I have served on the Grade Appeals Committee in the past and would like to serve in this capacity once again. I found this committee to be rewarding and insightful.
	Barbara Nicholson (Biology, SEST)	I have previously served on this committee and look forward to serving on it again. While on this committee I try to comprehend the issues from both student and faculty standpoints. I believe in the importance of this committee and its ability to make just decisions for both.
	Krishna Saha (Mathematical Sciences, SEST)	I have been serving as a member of the different university-wide committees since joining at Central and would be a valuable member of this committee. I have served in this committee before as a member and if elected, I will be glad to serve again.
	Young moo Sohn (Engineering, SEST)	I want to serve as a member of grade appeals committee. Fair grade has to be given to all CCSU students.
	Tom Vasko (Engineering, SEST)	I was honored to serve as the Chair of the Grade Appeals Committee for the past two years and I would like to continue to serve on the committee where I will consider the student, faculty, and Dean positions and render a fair and equitable outcome. I have been teaching full-time at CCSU for the past nine years and I was a member of the Curriculum Committee for eight years and the SEST Subcommittee Chair for three years. I previously served on the Academic Assessment Committee and I am currently a member of the Center for Teaching and Faculty Development.

Library Committee (VOTE FOR AT MOST 4)***4 will be elected***

	Elizabeth Brewer (English, CLASS)	I have been a member of the Library Committee for three years and I chaired the committee this year. I work closely with the librarians on embedding information literacy instruction into composition courses that I teach, and I would like to continue serving on this committee and advocating for the Library's importance.
	Jotham Burrello (English, CLASS)	The library has become the epicenter of campus activity: scholarship, teaching, and a cafe. I hope to contribute to its continued success and vibrancy.
	Amy Gagnon (Physical Education & Human Performance, SEPS)	I have been an active member of this committee for 5 years now. I've had been secretary as well as chair of this committee and would like to continue remaining an active member.
	Gena Givens (Criminology & Criminal Justice, CLASS)	The Library is a vital resource to our students and faculty at CCSU. I have served on multiple committees and would appreciate the opportunity to advocate on behalf of the Library.
	Tan Leng Goh (Physical Education & Human Performance, SEPS)	I am currently an Assistant Professor at Central Connecticut State University, Department Physical Education and Human Performance. As a library committee member, I hope to advocate for the library and participate in planning for future library facilities. In addition, my goals are to understand students' and faculty's concerns regarding the library and make recommendations related to library policies that will impact the teaching, research and service responsibilities of the faculty and the studies of students.
	Charles Menoche (Music, CLASS)	Over the last two years the CCSU Library Committee has become more active, helping to work with and support the library's crucial role of supporting student success and faculty research and teaching. I am currently completing one term. I am interested in being a continued contributor for the next years and believe that I can bring experiences from the last two years to upcoming library initiatives.
	Julie Schnobrich-Davis (Criminology & Criminal Justice, CLASS)	I look forward to being able to serve on the library committee. The library serves a vital function on our campus to our students and faculty. I would enjoy the opportunity to work with Library staff, faculty and students on ways to increase library usage.
	Michael Wizevich (Geological Sci., SEST)	Throughout my 12 years at CCSU I have worked with the library faculty to improve the collections and electronic journals for Geological Sciences. I have been the department library liaison for 6 years and have previously served 2 terms on the Library Committee. I would like to continue my work with the library to continue to improve the holding and facilities for the CCSU community.

Academic Integrity Committee (VOTE FOR AT MOST 4)***4 will be elected***

	Christina Barmon (Sociology, CLASS)	I am interested in serving on the academic integrity committee because I have dealt with plagiarism a lot in my first three semesters and would like to be a part of working towards a solution. It is important to me to help foster a supportive environment that helps professors deal with academic dishonesty in a way that is also supportive and shows empathy to our students.
	Michelle Cubellis (Criminology & Crim. Justice, CLASS)	As a newer faculty member at CCSU, I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve on the Academic Integrity Committee in an effort to more deeply understand that Academic Misconduct Policy at CCSU, as well as aid in the education of students about academic misconduct.
	Jill Espelin (Nursing, SEPS)	I would like to be considered for the Academic Integrity Committee. I'm committed to adhering to good moral character and high ethical standards we as faculty expect of a CCSU graduate.
	Chester Labeledz (Management & Org., Business)	I believe my legal education and background could be of service to this Committee, and would be pleased to serve.
	Faris Malhas (Engineering, SEST)	As a faculty member and as an academic administrator, I have been involved in many activities related to academic integrity including serving on similar committee in other universities. As Chair and dean I have dealt with many academic integrity cases involving students and faculty. I strongly believe that the work of such committee is critical to the university as it promotes best practices in learning and teaching and sets the standards for academic values system.
	Matthew Martin (Physical Education & Human Perf., SEPS)	I'm currently the chair of the committee. I would like to continue to be on the committee because the committee members and I have been actively working on revising the Academic Misconduct Policy with the help of Mr. Chris Dukes. Being on the committee for another term will allow me and others to get this task completed. Thank you

University Athletics Board (VOTE FOR AT MOST 3)***3 will be elected***

	Amy Gagnon (Physical Education & Human Performance, SEPS)	I am eager to learn more about the University Athletic Board as many of my students are student athletes. I also teach in Kaiser Hall, which frequently works alongside athletics. It will be interesting for me to learn more about another department in which I work so closely as well as one that helps to further develop students that I also teach. My office resides in the same building and we frequently share space. I feel learning more about this committee will be an asset to me in how I can further help my students as well as provide insight to the department from my perspective. I'm looking forward to being part of the conversations about our student athletes.
	Reza Ghodsi (Engineering, SEST)	To serve faculty and students.
	Gena Givens (Criminology & Criminal Justice, CLASS)	I have served on several Departmental and University committees and understand the importance of service and shared governance. I also view our student athletes as vital to the campus community. I would appreciate your vote and the opportunity to serve not the University Athletics Board.
	Susan Koski (Criminology & Criminal Justice, CLASS)	I have served on the UAB since 2013. I am committed to the success of our student athletes both academically and athletically. I would like the opportunity to continue the work we are currently focused on as my commitment remains strong to the committee. Thank you.
	Chester Labedz (Management & Organization, Business)	I currently serve on this Committee, and seek reelection. My current research interests focus on athletic matters and their management implications. These are, and increasingly will be, changing times for university athletic programs, and I'd like to lend my service.
	Megan Mackey (Special Education & Interventions, SEPS)	Academic progress and performance is of the utmost importance for all students at Central. I welcome the opportunity to serve on an academic committee that targets student-athletes and my experience as a former student-athlete will bring a unique contribution to the UAB.
	Amanda Tellier (Office of the Registrar, SUOAF-AFSCME)	I would like to continue to serve on the UAB to bring my knowledge and perspective as a member of the administrative faculty to the committee. I also find it very rewarding to work with student athletes in support of their academic goals.
	Cassandra York (Physical Education & Human Performance, SEPS)	Along with my doctorate in Kinesiology with a sports minor, I have had the pleasure of teaching sports management courses at UCONN, and so have a reasonable background in athletes and its management. I also have many student athletes in my courses in Exercise Science and care about their schedules and educational well-being. It would be my honor to serve on this committee.

Distinguished Service Award Committee (2018-20 term) (VOTE FOR AT MOST 1)*1 will be elected*

	Joseph Farhat (Finance, Business)	Detailed Bio : http://www2.ccsu.edu/faculty/josephfarhat
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Distinguished Service Award Committee (Spring 2018, temporary sabbatical replacement) (VOTE FOR AT MOST 1)*1 will be elected*

	Cheryl Crespi (Accounting, Business)	I have been at CCSU for 14 years and my respect is tremendous for the individuals at our University for the work they do indefatigably on a daily basis. It would be my honor to serve in this capacity to recognize the distinguished service of my friends and colleagues.
	Maria Passaro (Modern Languages, CLASS)	I would like to serve on the Distinguished Service Award Committee. I have served on this Committee, at least four times in the past.

CCSU Foundation Grant Advisory Committee (VOTE FOR AT MOST 3)*1 from Business, 1 from SEPS, and 1 at-large will be elected*

	Vincent Campasano (Finance, Business)	I wish to represent the School of Business on the CCSU Foundation Grant Advisory Committee.
	Sheri Fafunwa-Ndibe (Art, CLASS)	
	Wangari Gichiru (Educational Leadership, Policy, & Instructional Technology, SEPS)	
	Pankaj Nagpal (Accounting, Business)	I would like to serve on Foundation Grant Advisory Committee to 'give back' on a number of grants that I have received good response. This service would strengthen my work on the University IRB/HSC, which reviews research proposals for conformance with specific requirements. I would also like to encourage faculty to regularly apply for internal and external grants. Thank you for your time.
	Elisabeta Pana (Finance, Business)	I'm an Associate Professor in the School of Business and I've been at CCSU for two years. Prior to CCSU, I served on a similar committee at another university. I would very much appreciate and enjoy the opportunity to serve in the CCSU Foundation Grant Advisory Committee.
	Young moo Sohn (Engineering, SEST)	I want to serve as a CCSU Foundation Grant Advisory Committee. I want to do something for our community.
	Lynda Valerie (Literacy, Elementary, & Early Childhood Education, SEPS)	

CCSU Foundation Board of Directors (VOTE FOR AT MOST 1)***1 will be elected***

	Michael Gendron (Management Information Systems, Business)	Vote for me. I am the right person to represent the CCSU faculty as a foundation director on the CCSU foundation. The foundation seeks funds to enrich the institution by supporting research, academic programs, and students. Each year too many of our students at CCSU struggle to support themselves and must seek financial assistance to remain in their programs. We must do everything we can to support our students and innovative research and academic programs. I am skilled in finding the right support. Before coming to CCSU I held several high-level business positions such as Chief Information Officer for a health maintenance organization, and as policy analyst for a state health department. Additionally, I have sat on several other non-profit boards. My academic background in Information Science Ph.D. through the Business School at SUNY Albany provides me with further skills and knowledge. If elected, I will bring fresh and innovative ideas to the board because this position directly aligns with both my business and academic backgrounds and fund raising experience. I will use my well-developed skills to bring in financial support from the business community and the community at large. Serving in this position allows me to give back to the university and its students. I respectfully ask you for your support.
	Andrea June (Psychological Science, CLASS)	I believe in the importance of the foundation for CCSU's future and would like to be of service.
	Julia Kara-Soteriou (Literacy, Elementary, & Early Childhood Education, SEPS)	A Professor of Reading and Language Arts, Dr. Julia Kara-Soteriou is currently Coordinator of the Literacy Programs, member of the Department Evaluation Committee, and member of the Central Teacher Education Committee. In the past she served on several university committees, including the Graduate Studies Committee, the Planning and Budget Committee, the Advisory Committee for CSU Professorship, the Distinguished Service Award Committee, and the Information Technology Committee.
	Fiona Pearson (Sociology, CLASS)	The Board of Directors serves an important function in guiding the work of the CCSU Foundation. I welcome the opportunity to serve in this capacity, collaborating with local business and educational leaders to oversee the means by which the Foundation obtains private contributions and supports research and educational programs at CCSU that serve our faculty and students.
	Renata Vickrey (Library)	I want to be a member of the CCSU Foundation Board of Directors for the following reason: Since 2011, my position at CCSU has required me to spend a significant amount of time working with Institutional Advancement soliciting private donations to two funds within the CCSU Foundation - Polish Studies and Friends of the Library. I have enjoyed this work and feel I have been reasonably successful at it. I am familiar with the Foundation's mission and goals and the Foundation's activities related to these goals. I feel that my knowledge of the Foundation's policies and procedures, my familiarity with the donor base, and my commitment to helping CCSU succeed as an institution could be important assets to the Board.

Excellence in Teaching Committee (VOTE FOR AT MOST 2)***1 from CLASS, 1 from SEST will be elected***

	Caleb Bragg (Psychological Science, CLASS)	I love to see good teachers honored by their students, and would love to help out in the process.
	Cameron Brewer (Philosophy, CLASS)	I am an Assistant Professor in the Philosophy Department. I began teaching at CCSU in 2014. I am interested in joining the committee for a few reasons. First and foremost, I am interested in seeing how colleagues, who have been recognized as excellent instructors by their students, present diverse and difficult material. I think I would learn a lot by serving on the committee. But I also want to serve on the committee because I believe I can add some input into discussions about the nomination and selection process.
	Faris Malhas (Engineering, SEST)	I have been a faculty member for 30 years in a number of comprehensive institutions, where teaching excellence is the priority for all faculty. This experience has given me the skills necessary to evaluate the teaching performance of faculty and recognize those faculty who are passionate about teaching and who go out of their way to ensure the success of their students without compromising on the rigor and expectations of their courses. I think the recognition of teaching excellence is pivotal in creating the supportive environment for our faculty and students
	Young moo Sohn (Engineering, SEST)	I want to serve as a member of excellence in teaching award committee. This could be a good chance for me to do something for our community.

Student Affairs Committee (VOTE FOR AT MOST 2)***2 will be elected***

	Patrick Foster (Technology & Engineering Ed, SEST)	I have never served on the Student Affairs Committee, so you should probably take that into consideration when voting. But it sounds interesting: The aim is to gain faculty perspective and enhance faculty knowledge of student life initiatives and services. This is an area where my knowledge could surely stand some enhancement.
	Gena Givens (Criminology & Criminal Justice, CLASS)	I have served on several Departmental and University committees and understand the importance of service and shared governance. I would appreciate your vote and the opportunity to serve on the Student Affairs Committee.
	Paul Hapeman (Biology, SEST)	I formerly served as the Faculty Advisor for the Outing Club and would like to stay connected to student affairs on campus.
	Peter Morano (Physical Education & Human Perf, SEPS)	I would like to serve on this committee because I want to contribute to the overall student experience at CCSU.
	Talat Salama (Manufacturing & Constr Mgmt, SEST)	My goal is to help students be engaged at CCSU and their surrounding community.
	Cassandra York (Physical Education & Human Perf, SEPS)	Student affairs are near and dear to my heart. When I was both an undergraduate and graduate student, I was actively involved in many student committees on campus such as the Nutrition and Food Sciences Student Association at University of Alberta in Canada, and the Delta Gamma Women's Fraternity where I served as Vice President Communications. At UCONN, I was part of the Exercise Science club and the Graduate Students Association. Here at CCSU I assist our student committees with their events and volunteer my time for their activities. I would like to be on this committee to assist our students in developing desirable co-curricular activities, and enlighten other faculty about student life initiatives and services. Thank you for your consideration.

University Planning and Budget Committee – SUOAF-AFSCME seats (VOTE FOR AT MOST 3)***2 will be elected for 3yrs, 1 for 1yr***

	Oluwatoyin Ayeni (Center for International Education)	My objective is to work collaboratively with members of the UPBC to create processes for institutional short and long term financial goals, in order for CCSU to achieve its Strategic Plan and much more. Being an Alumna, a current employee and having served as part of several committees on campus in the past 14 years, I have been trained to assist the institution in budget planning, finance and resource management. With a Master's of Business Administration from CCSU, it certainly will be an asset for CCSU to let me give back what I was trained to do. CCSU invested in me – It's time to return the favor – Return on Investment (ROI).
	Lisa Marie Bigelow (Institutional Advancement)	I am seeking re-election to this committee primarily because I believe my understanding of the historical and new approaches to planning and budgeting at the University will enable me to make significant contributions to the effectiveness of these processes in the coming two years. My background as SUOAF president provides me with a unique knowledge-base that relates to budget and planning activities at the university. My professional position related to the CCSU Foundation also provides me with knowledge that will have a positive impact on my contributions to the work of the UPBC. Finally, I am seeking re-election to this committee because I find the work to be challenging, yet enjoyable at the same time. If re-elected, I will reach my term limit at the end of the term. Thank you for considering my candidacy for re-election to this committee.
	Justine Gamache (School of Engineering, Science, and Technology)	I would be interested in serving on the University Planning and Budget committee. I am confident that my years of experience at CCSU, in multiple capacities, make me a well-qualified candidate for the UPBC. I enjoy evaluating complex budget issues. I also have a clear understanding of how all divisions/departments function towards the good of the whole. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the campus, at-large, as a UPBC member.
	Myrna Garcia-Bowen (Academic Articulations and Partnerships)	I am very humbled for being nominated to potentially serve on the UPBC committee of the Senate. I have been serving on the senate as an administrative faculty representative both as a senator and alternate for the last seven plus years. Serving on the senate and reviewing reports submitted by the UPBC committee has given me a better understanding of the need for transparency under our governance structure. I have also had oversight of large and small departmental budgets providing me with experience in developing budgets that align with the university's strategic goals. I would like very much to learn more about the new financial planning process and provide input on the potential impact as it relates to student success and the direction in which the institution is headed. I want to thank you for your consideration.
	Awilda Reasco (Educational Opportunity Program)	
	Lisa Washko (Information Technology)	I have worked at CCSU for over 30 years and I believe I have a very good understanding of how the university works. CCSU has been through a lot of changes over the years that I've been here and I know there will be a lot more changes in the future. I feel that with my longevity I can give some good input and insight to this committee.

University Planning and Budget Committee – full-time AAUP seats (VOTE FOR AT MOST 4) *2 will be elected for 3yrs, 1 for 2yrs, 1 for 1yr*

	Burlin Barr (English, CLASS)	I have served as Vice President and Secretary of the Senate, Assistant Chair of the Department of English, and Program Coordinator for Cinema Studies. I seek fairness, acumen, and transparency in all affairs regarding the university business and budget.
	Linda Clark (Educational Leadership, Policy, & Instructional Tech., SEPS)	I would be honored to contribute my scholarly knowledge and previous experiences to serve on the University Planning and Budget Committee. My past experience includes service on a similar committee at my previous Research I institution. At the same institution, I was selected through a competitive process, to be an 'Administrative Fellow' to the Senior Vice President for Finance and Business. Combined with my current role as a faculty member, I understand both the fiscal and academic sides to planning for continuous improvement and change within higher education. In addition to my previous service, my Ph.D. in Higher Education provides me with the scholarly knowledge on theories of budgeting, strategic planning, and resource management. My teaching portfolio includes a doctoral level course on Budgeting and Resource Management in Higher Education. I have multiple scholarly presentations and publications pertaining to issues of planning and budgeting in higher education. My scholarly background could contribute in a unique way to frame current and future planning and budgeting challenges at CCSU. While at CCSU I remain active in several University Committees, including Academic Assessment, University Athletic Board, and Graduate Studies. I believe these perspectives would be useful in discussing the wide array of resource issues unique to CCSU.
	Stephen Cohen (English, CLASS)	As Faculty Senate president I've learned quite a bit about the university's new budget process and its implications, and have been deeply engaged with academic planning and (as an ex officio member of the Facilities Planning Committee) facilities planning. As a member of the Integrated Planning Council I'm familiar with the UPBC's role in our new planning process. With my term as Senate president coming to an end this semester, I'd like to continue to use the skills and knowledge I've gained to serve the university and I think the UPBC is a good fit.
	Marianne Fallon (Psychological Science, CLASS)	As our public institutions of higher education face ever greater challenges, the UPBC can proactively steer CCSU towards sustainable and evidence-based solutions that promote our collective health and growth. Through my teaching and research, I've spent the majority of my career identifying factors that underly student success. In the Center for Teaching and Faculty Development, I've tried to develop programs that facilitate faculty's professional development. I ask you for the opportunity to use what I've learned to help guide our institution's success.
	Joseph Farhat (Finance, Business)	Detailed Bio : http://www2.ccsu.edu/faculty/josephfarhat
	Khaled Hammad (Engineering, SEST)	Dr. Khaled Hammad is in his 7th year at CCSU and is completing his fourth year as an Associate Professor in the Department of Engineering. Dr. Hammad served as the 'Department Liaison for the CCSU-AAUP' (2011 - present), SEST representative to the 'CCSU Academic Standards Committee' (2011 - 2017), and member of CCSU-AAUP election committee. He is currently serving on the 'CCSU Advisory Committee for CSU Professorship' (2017-2018, 2016-2017 & 2015-2016), the Distinguished Service Award Committee (2017 -2019), and the new CCSU Provost Search Committee (2017). Dr. Hammad is a contributing author to 80 peer reviewed publications. Dr. Hammad is an active member of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), and The American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE). To learn more about Dr. Hammad, visit his CCSU faculty profile: http://www2.ccsu.edu/faculty/hammad .

University Planning and Budget Committee – part-time AAUP seats (VOTE FOR AT MOST 1)

1 will be elected for 3yrs

	Judy Hodgson (Mathematical Sciences, SEST)	Despite my many years in industry and volunteer organizations working with financially related data, I found during the past two years that I served on the UPBC that there is much that I do not know or understand about the inner workings of a university the size of CCSU. I would like to build on the knowledge I have gained and continue to be a part of this group as they work with President Toro and the CCSU financial staff to make the financial workings of CCSU more transparent to the entire CCSU community and to realistically react to the financial hurdles posed by the CT financial situation.
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Framework Implementation and Review Committee (VOTE FOR AT MOST 1)

1 will be elected

	Candace Barrington (English, CLASS)	After working closely with the Framework Implementation and Review Committee as the Transfer and Articulation Policy Co-Manager, I am familiar with and able to assume the responsibilities of representing CCSU on the committee.
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