

Academic Assessment Committee (to be elected: 1 from Education, 1 from SEST, 2 at-large)

Trevor Allen (Political Science, CLASS)	I have worked on assessment within my department and on university general education learning outcomes. I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the academic assessment committee to continue working in this area
Silvia Corbera Lopez (Department of Psychological Science, CLASS)	I have served in my Department Assessment Committee assessing the Learning Outcomes of the Psychology Major by designing procedures, analyzing data, and with report writing. I think that it is extremely important to implement assessment tools that help us gauge the extend of learning of our students. I participated in the CCSU General Education Grant Initiative, under the Davis Educational Foundation Grant in which I aligned and annotated assignments and I collected and scored artifacts. My skills and my experience make me a good candidate for this committee, and I'd be honored to serve in it.
Heather de Savage (Music, CLASS)	I am active in various assessment and curriculum work in service to my department and the university. However, two items illustrate additional commitment to student success, and my ability to work effectively with an interdisciplinary team: 1) Gen. Ed. Initiative (Davis Ed. Found.): Aesthetic Knowledge rubric development; assignment alignment; scoring. 2) Ad Hoc Committee for Gen. Ed. Review: recently passed proposals toward improvement of our Gen. Ed. program. I believe my experience and work with faculty and staff across CCSU, and my perspective from the Arts, would benefit this committee.
Amanda Fields (English, CLASS)	I've been working on this committee for the past few years, and we've streamlined program assessment processes in addition to creating a more encouraging and generative culture of assessment through informed support. I'm running again with the purpose of positively seeing through and improving some of these shifts as well as setting a clearer base for future iterations of this required work on our campus. I hope to continue contributing to a more engaging and engaged assessment process that values faculty collaboration for student growth and success. Thank you for your consideration.
Kristine Larsen (Earth and Space Sciences, SEST)	I have served on the Academic Assessment Committee in the past and am aware of both the importance and scope of the task.
TBA (Education)	TBA

Academic Integrity Committee (to be elected: 4 at-large)

Syed Abbas (Biology, SEST)	In the past two years, I've devoted myself to our committee's tasks. While we've made progress, there are still important tasks awaiting attention. A top priority for me is ensuring the ethical integration of AI in classrooms. I'm excited to collaborate with fellow committee members to develop clear guidelines and educate our faculty on the proper use of AI. I'm eager to continue serving and contributing to our committee's mission in the upcoming term.
Michelle Krackowski (Biology, SEST)	I believe that upholding the academic standards of our university through appropriate advocacy and recommendations is important and increasingly needed under the expanding presence of artificial intelligence. I feel I would be able to contribute in this committee by helping to stay up to date, promote awareness, and troubleshoot solutions that would work best in helping our faculty and students be successful in the learning journey.
Kerri Langevin (Nursing, CHRS)	Thank you for considering me for the academic integrity committee. I've been the faculty senator for several years and most recently the faculty senate vice president. As this role is ending this semester, I would like to participate on the academic integrity committee in order to continue with university service. I believe that my experience with the senate, the nursing department, SEPS, and the university at large have prepared me for this committee work.
Xiao Ling (Marketing, Business)	
Mary Nedela (Counselor Education & Family Therapy, SEPS)	As a faculty member on tenure-track close to promotion, I am interested in getting involved in different areas of campus operations. Further, I am interested in ensuring the highest academic standards for my students, thus wish to learn and advocate for practices among students that uphold integrity in their work. I am situated in a master's level program on campus, and believe I could be a good representative for graduate level academic integrity issues and resources.
Mohammad Reza Vaziri Sereshk (Engineering, SEST)	Dr. Nidal Al-Masoud, Chair of CCSU's Engineering Department, proudly nominates Dr. Mohammad Reza Vaziri Sereshk for the Academic Integrity Committee. As an Assistant Professor, Dr. Sereshk has consistently championed academic integrity, upholding high standards throughout his tenure. His dedication to fairness and equity, coupled with his expertise in Engineering, uniquely qualify him for this role. Dr. Sereshk's active involvement in promoting awareness of academic misconduct further demonstrates his suitability. Dr. Al-Masoud wholeheartedly recommends Dr. Sereshk for committee membership.

Academic Standards Committee (to be elected: 3 from CLASS, 1 from CHRS, 2 from Business, 1 from SEST)

Christina Barmon (Sociology, CLASS)	I have been at Central for 8 years actively involved with the gerontology program, WGSS, and CCSU-AAUP. Additionally, I have also served on the academic integrity committee. My goals on the academic standards committee will be to support students and ensure a high quality education while maintaining shared governance and academic freedom.
Rebecca Boncoddio (Psychological Science, CLASS)	I've been a member of the Academic Standards Committee for several years, serving the last two years as the Chair and the Vice-Chair for the two years prior to that. I have enjoyed leading this committee and would like to continue to do so for the upcoming academic year.
Caleb Bragg (Psychological Science, CLASS)	I have served on the Academic Standards Committee in the past and would be excited to serve again.
Jason Chen (Accounting, Business)	I strive to uphold and actively participate the duties of the Academic Standards Committee by reviewing and recommending to the Faculty Senate undergraduate academic standards and policies including: Admission, standing, probation and dismissal from the University such as academic loads, awards, eligibility for extracurricular activities, class withdrawal, grading, transfer credits policies, class attendance, and graduation. I have served in several university committees, including in a leadership position (e.g., chair). Academic standards benefit both students and faculty.
Kerri Langevin (Nursing, CHRS)	
Ran Liu (Marketing, Business)	
Mohammad Mahjoob (Engineering, SEST)	I have the experience of being in the faculty senate and AAC and would be honored to serve in the ASC to maintain and promote the Central academic standards for the very success of our students.

Advisory Committee for CSU Professorship (to be elected: 5 from 5 different departments)

Joseph Bonnici (Marketing, Business)	At the heart of my candidacy lies a steadfast commitment to academic excellence which cultivates a rich tapestry of perspectives and experiences within the academic community. If elected, I will uphold the principles of honesty, fairness, and transparency.
Paramita Dhar (Economics, CLASS)	
Joseph Farhat (Finance, Business)	With over 19 years of experience as a Finance Professor, Chair, and Dean at CCSU, I have been honored to serve you and our students on this committee before. Your support in entrusting me with the opportunity to serve once again is much appreciated.
Cassandra Forsythe (Physical Education & Human Performance, CHRS)	I enjoy giving back and serving the CCSU community. It would be my honor to contribute to the important work of this committee and support those who are deserving of the title of CSU Professor.
Ivan Gotchev (Mathematical Sciences, SEST)	I have served in this committee before as a member and as a co-chair and I will be honored to serve again.
Ajeet Jain (Finance, Business)	
Kristine Larsen (Earth and Space Sciences, SEST)	As an alumna of CCSU, a long-time faculty member, and CSU Professor, I wish to be part of the process in selecting the next CSU Professor at CCSU. I believe I have useful insights into the candidate side of the process that I would like to share with the rest of the committee.
Namhun Lee (Manufacturing & Construction Management, SEST)	As a tenured full professor, I am honored to contribute to the CSU Professorship committee. Throughout recent years, I have engaged in several committees, including the Excellence in Teaching committee, the CSU Professorship committee, and the Promotion and Tenure committee. My commitment to CCSU's community has been unwavering, having served both as a chair as well as a member of the Department Evaluation Committee. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to continue my service on the CSU Professorship committee.
Kathy Martin (Biomolecular Sciences, SEST)	I have served on this committee a number of times and truly enjoy the quality and dedication of the nominees.
Reinaldo Rojas (Social Work, Education)	
Krishna Saha (Mathematical Sciences, SEST)	I have been serving as a member of the different university-wide committees since joining Central and would be a valuable member of this committee. I have served on this committee before as a member and if elected, I will be glad to serve again.
Andrew Weinberger (Accounting, Business)	Hello all, I would love to serve on the advisory committee for CSU professorship. We have so many awesome colleagues across the university that are deserving of this designation. I hope to be part of the committee to review the candidates. Thank you for your consideration!

BOR Research Award Committee (to be elected: 1 from CHRS, 1 at-large)

Khaled Hammad (Engineering, SEST)	Dr. Hammad served as the 'Engineering Department Liaison for the CCSU-AAUP' (2011-2024), SEST representative to the 'CCSU Academic Standards Committee' (2011-2017), the 'University Planning and Budget Committee' (2018-2019), the CCSU Provost Search Committee (2017), the 'Distinguished Service Award Committee' (2017-2021), the 'CCSU Advisory Committee for CSU Professorship' (2015-2024), and the 'Sabbatical Leave Committee' (2021-2023). Dr. Hammad is the recipient of the Board of Regents 2019 System-Wide Research Award for the Connecticut State Universities. http://www2.ccsu.edu/faculty/hammad
Sean Walsh (Physical Education and Human Performance, CHRS)	I would consider it an honor to be able to review the great work of our faculty and to determine a worthy recipient of this award.

BOR Teaching Award Committee (to be elected: 1 from Business, 1 from Education, 1 from CHRS)

Jan Bishop (Physical Education & Human Performance, CHRS)	Helping to honor outstanding teaching at CCSU is service I am happy to do.
Joseph Bonnici (Marketing, Business)	I will examine student evaluations and feedback from past courses. I will look for consistent high ratings and positive comments regarding clarity, engagement, and effectiveness. Additionally, I will focus on peer evaluations.
Kuan-Pin Chiang (Marketing, Business)	It would be an honor and privilege to serve on this committee that helps recognize our colleagues dedicated to their teaching.
Marie Kulesza (Accounting, Business)	I have been a teaching faculty member for over 20 years over which time I have been recognized for teaching excellence at the university level, state level, and national level. At Central I was on the EIT Honor Roll, an EIT Semi-finalist, and recipient of the 2019 Board of Regents Faculty Teaching Award ,À Campus Level. I am deeply passionate about teaching and creating an engaging learning experience. I would like an opportunity to champion exceptional teaching as a member of this committee.
TBA (Education)	

CCSU Foundation Board of Directors (to be elected: 1)

Jason Chen (Accounting, Business)	Once elected, I will abide by the by-laws of CCSU Foundation, Inc. to uphold and actively support the objectives of obtaining private contributions to support educational programs and research endeavors at Central such as funds that are allocated in five major program areas: institutional enrichment, scholarships, academic enrichment, research, and unrestricted.
Joseph Farhat (Finance, Business)	<p>With over 19 years of experience as a Finance Professor, Chair, and Dean at CCSU, I have been honored to serve you and our students on this board. Recognizing this board's vital role in our institution, I firmly believe in the importance of continuity in its membership.</p> <p>I am committed to ensuring that our collective expertise continues to enrich the deliberations and outcomes of this board. Your support in entrusting me with the opportunity to serve once again is much appreciated.</p>
Fan He (Finance, Business)	As a professor in the finance department, I would love to contribute my experience and expertise to support the CCSU Foundation in furthering its mission.

CCSU Foundation Grant Advisory Committee (to be elected: 1 from CLASS, 1 from Education, 1 from CHRS)

Jacqueline Cantor (Nursing, CHRS)	<p>I became an Assistant Professor of Nursing Fall 2024, after two years as an emergency hire. This past Fall I was part of three universities that submitted a grant proposal with the Spencer Foundation for a multi-site research project in psychiatric mental health nursing, approval pending.</p> <p>I am currently serving on the Faculty Senate and will be serving again for 2024-2025.</p> <p>I would love the opportunity to get further involved at CCSU and become an active participant on the Grant Advisory Committee. Thank you, Jackie Cantor</p>
Paramita Dhar (Economics, CLASS)	<p>I have served on AAUP Grants Committee and presently serving in the CCSU Internal Grant Review Committee. So I believe I will add my expertise in this committee and I can learn more from my peers.</p>
TBA (Education)	

Committee on Academic Advising (to be elected: 1 from CLASS, 1 from Business, 1 from Education, 1 at-large, 4 professional academic advisors)

Allison Audet (Undergraduate Advising, SUOAF-AFSCME)	I have served on the Committee on Academic Advising for two years and would like to continue serving the university in this way. My experience working in CLASS, SEST, and now with all pre-transfer students gives me a unique perspective on advising that I believe is beneficial to the committee and the university as a whole.
Nathan Bergstrom (Undergraduate Advising, SUOAF-AFSCME)	
Jerold Duquette (Political Science, CLASS)	I am ready and willing to put my 24 years of experience here at CCSU to work for the Committee on Academic Advising.
Martha Kruey (Library)	I would like to serve on this committee to better understand how faculty advise students about their degree requirements so that we can assist students in their research interests. As a research/reference and instructional librarian at CCSU for over 10 years, I interact with both faculty and students on a daily basis and enjoy connecting students with the appropriate information source for their needs.
C. Christopher Lee (Management and Organization, Business)	I served this committee previously. We discussed and addressed many important issues facing academic advising at CCSU. I would like to continue to serve on this critical committee, to help our students succeed at CCSU. Thanks a lot for your support, Chris
Glorivee Ortiz (Undergraduate Advising, SUOAF-AFSCME)	
Dorota Urban (Health services, SUOAF-AFSCME)	My name is Dorota Urban and I am working at CCSU as a Nurse Practitioner. I am dual board certified as a family and psychiatric nurse practitioner. Since 2012 I serve as an adjunct professor originally to Gateway Community College and for past 8 years or so to WCSU where I am AAUP member. I believe I will be a good addition to Academic advising. I see students daily for variety of reasons so I could be a great resource for them. Thank you for your consideration.
Lauren Veronneau (Undergraduate Advising, SUOAF-AFSCME)	
TBA (Education)	

Community Engagement Committee (open membership)

Peg Donohue (Counselor Education & Family Therapy, SEPS)	
Kate Farrish (Journalism, CLASS)	I am interested in serving on this committee because I would like to foster more ways for CCSU, its faculty, students and staff members to be more involved in New Britain, Connecticut and the world beyond our borders. I view this an important part of our mission. As a journalism professor, I immerse my students in New Britain by having them write news stories about evictions, rising rents and homelessness. An event I helped organize recently with the Library Committee drew 80 people, including many adults and children from the New Britain area.
Tan Leng Goh (Physical Education and Human Performance, CHRS)	I am currently an Associate Professor at Central Connecticut State University, Department Physical Education and Human Performance. I have been actively involved in promoting physical activity in elementary schools in rural and urban low income neighborhoods for many years. I worked intently with classroom teachers to integrate movement into their classrooms. Through such physical activity engagement, students are more focused in their learning. Being part of the Community Engagement Committee, I hope to serve the University in making recommendations regarding the promotion of policies,
Alireza Hadjesfandiari (Engineering department, SEST)	I am interested to join the "Community Engagement Committee" to serve CCSU and get more experience in other activities besides teaching and research.
Mohammad Mahjoob (Engineering, SEST)	I have the experience of being in the faculty senate and AAC and would be honored to serve in the CEC to support, devise and develop the plans and activities to enhance the engagement of Central family with our local/regional and larger communities.
Matthew Martin (Physical Education & Human Performance, SEPS)	
Aimee Pozorski (English, CLASS)	A long time resident of New Britain, I consistently try to engage my students in the work of our city. We have volunteered together at the CT Food Bank and the New Britain Public Library, attended exhibits at the New Britain Museum of American Art, and are regulars at TheaterWorks performances in Hartford. As coordinator of the Racial Justice Certificate Program, I have worked to incorporate Community Service as a part of the curriculum. I have much to learn from this committee as someone passionate about community service and engagement and hope I have a little bit to add, too.
Nadeem Shahid (Accounting, Business)	As a local community member and living in the same school neighborhood, I see a huge opportunity to bring the different communities together. I will work together to bring communities closer together.
Mohammad Reza Vaziri Sereshk (Engineering, SEST)	I am dedicated to effective and innovative teaching methodologies, which include experiential learning (EXL), project-based learning, service-learning, and current topics courses. Despite my relatively short tenure at CCSU, I have more than 12 years of experience in teaching in different private and public universities here and abroad. I have served CCSU with different rolls in the committees hosting students for visit or local/national competitions. Therefore, I believe that my experience and expertise uniquely position me to contribute meaningfully to the committee's mission.
Dana Wilkie (School of Business, SUOAF-AFSCME)	

Distinguished Service Award Committee (to be elected: 1 from AAUP)

Joseph Farhat (Finance, Business)	With over 19 years of experience as a Finance Professor, Chair, and Dean at CCSU, I have been honored to serve you and our students on this committee before. Your support in entrusting me with the opportunity to serve once again is much appreciated.
Patrick Foster (Technology & Engineering Education, SEST)	I am interested in serving on this committee because I would like to help ensure that this distinction is awarded to deserving people from across campus. thank you!
Khaled Hammad (Engineering, SEST)	Dr. Hammad served as the 'Engineering Department Liaison for the CCSU-AAUP' (2011-2024), SEST representative to the 'CCSU Academic Standards Committee' (2011-2017), the 'University Planning and Budget Committee' (2018-2019), the CCSU Provost Search Committee (2017), the 'Distinguished Service Award Committee' (2017-2021), the 'CCSU Advisory Committee for CSU Professorship' (2015-2024), and the 'Sabbatical Leave Committee' (2021-2023). Dr. Hammad is the recipient of the Board of Regents 2019 System-Wide Research Award for the Connecticut State Universities. http://www2.ccsu.edu/faculty/hammad
Barry Westcott (Chemistry & Biochemistry, SEST)	Barry Westcott is the most recent recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. He has been a member of the Central Family since August 1997 and works diligently for the students and his colleagues. Barry has served as Department Chair, Associate Dean, chaired various committees, and served as URCAP coordinator for over a decade. Barry understands service and will objectively consider all nominees for this award.

Equity, Justice, and Inclusion Committee (open membership)

Jan Bishop (PEHP, CHRS)	I enjoy being a part of this valuable work.
Megan Mackey (Special Education & Interventions, Education)	I've been involved with EJI for 8 years and intend to continue.
Kate McGrath (CLASS, CLASS)	
Marisa Nadolny (Marketing & Communications, SUOAF-AFSCME)	Thank you for your consideration.
Mary Nedela (Counselor Education & Family Therapy, SEPS)	As a faculty member on tenure-track close to promotion, I am interested in getting involved in different areas of campus operations. I am particularly interested and invested in creating an inclusive campus environment for everyone. I am a clinician by trade, and my research and clinical interests include well-being for queer and trans people and believe that campuses should be intersectionally inclusive. I would love to collaborate with other campus members toward this vision.
Jason Sikorski (Psychological Science, CLASS)	I would like to learn and contribute to people on our campus feeling valued, appreciated, and safe.
Weese Tara (Philosophy and Political Science, CLASS)	I'm excited to have the chance to help promote diversity at CCSU and to make sure that diverse students feel seen and reflected within our university.

Excellence in Teaching Committee (to be elected: 1 from CLASS, 1 from SEST, 1 from Education)

Syed Abbas (Biology, SEST)	I've been on this committee for past two years. It's been amazing meeting and learning from faculty across all departments about their teaching styles and successes. The teaching observations and interviews have also helped me grow. I'd love to continue being part of this committee.
Trevor Allen (Political Science, CLASS)	I am seeking to serve on the EIT Award committee to learn from my colleagues and recognize their innovative pedagogical strategies
Nan Hu (Art & Design, CLASS)	I have taught as a tenure-track full-time faculty member for four years, with a track record of positive student evaluations at two teaching-based state universities. My teaching ethos prioritizes innovative pedagogy, interdisciplinary perspectives, and the cultivation of critical thinking skills. I am keen to join the Excellence in Teaching Committee (EIT) at CCSU to recognize faculty endeavors in outstanding teaching practices and to facilitate support for faculty development within our academic community. Thank you.
Mohammad Reza Vaziri Sereshk (Engineering, SEST)	I am dedicated to effective and innovative teaching methodologies, which include experiential learning (EXL) and project-based learning. I was nominated by students for Excellence in Teaching award in 2023 and awarded as Honor Roll. Despite my relatively short tenure at CCSU, I have more than 12 years of experience in teaching in different private and public universities. I believe that I have valuable skills and knowledge which makes me an ideal candidate for this position, including extensive view over adjustment of teaching approach based on course nature, course objectives, and job market.
TBA (Education)	

Faculty Senate Part-Time Representatives (to be elected: 3 members, 3 alternates)

Kevin Ferrarotti (Bimolecular Sciences , SEST)	I am honored for the opportunity to be nominated for a seat on the University Faculty Senate. As a part-time adjunct professor, I am eager to contribute my skills and experiences to promote positive change within our academic community at CCSU. This opportunity offers a means to foster collaboration, advocate for the academic welfare of our faculty and students, and ensure equitable representation across disciplines. As a dedicated educator, I am invested in advancing initiatives that prioritize faculty development, supports diversity and inclusion efforts, and enhance shared governance.
Lynroy Grant (Computer Science , SEST)	Looking to serve on faculty senate as Part-Time representative
Michael Nicastro (Management & Organization, Business)	Having now completed my first 2-year term representing part-time faculty on the Faculty Senate, I feel I now have the additional insight and familiarity to bring even a stronger level of representation to my part-time colleagues. It has been a pleasure to serve in the Senate for the last two years as well as the last 10+ years of teaching at CCSU. As a long-term member of the part-time faculty and as an alum it would be an honor to serve another term.
Samantha Seamans-Frizzell (English, CLASS)	I have served as an alternate to the faculty senate (2022-24) and would like to continue my service to the committee as a full member. In addition, I served on the UPBC for one year (2023-24), and the IT committee (2023).
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Framework Implementation & Review Committee (FIRC) (to be elected: 1)

Peggy Bloomer (Art & Design, CLASS)	I believe it is important that we help students navigate from the Community College to the State Universities. Many students arrive at the University believing they will earn a degree in 2 years. Articulating pathways between the Community Colleges and State Universities takes time and thoughtfulness. This committee can help align incoming students to the requirements of the State Universities, ensure the most efficient allowance of transfer credit, and provide a comprehensive education with academic rigor.
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Grade Appeals Committee (to be elected: 1 from CLASS, 1 from Education, 1 from CHRS)

Steven Block (Criminology and Criminal Justice, CLASS)	I am interested in serving again on the Grade Appeals Committee. I have served multiple times on this committee and assumed the role of Chair on two occasions. I found this committee one of the most rewarding I have been able to serve on. It is important for board members to examine cases completely and take all submitted evidence seriously. I am willing and able to put in the time to arrive at fair verdicts for both students and faculty. Thank you.
Michelle Cubellis (Criminology & Criminal Justice, CLASS)	I would like to serve on the Grade Appeals Committee to ensure students have an avenue to appeal grades that they feel should be modified, while upholding the requirements and guidelines set by instructors.
Paramita Dhar (Economics, CLASS)	My teaching motto has been to maintain fairness to the students. I want all the students to get rewarded for their effort. So I think I will be a good asset to the committee as I will ensure students get the grade they deserve.
Reginald Holt (Counselor Education & Family Therapy, CHRS)	I have successfully been a member of the Grade Appeals Committee since 2020. I was subsequently elected as Chair of the Grade Appeals Committee in Fall 2021 and have remained in this position for the past three years. In addition, I have actively served as a member of the Termination Committee since 2018, a Hearing Board Officer for the Office of Student Conduct since 2019, and Chair of the Department of Counselor Education and Family Therapy since 2023. It will be an honor to serve a third two-year term as a member of the Grade Appeals Committee if elected.
Nan Hu (Art & Design, CLASS)	Grade appeals can pose significant challenges in many cases, impacting both students and faculty involved. As a former CCSU student and now a full-time faculty member, I have a holistic yet nuanced understanding of the importance of fairness and equity in academic learning and teaching. With this understanding, I am enthusiastic about serving on the Grade Appeals Committee and collaborating with fellow committee members to follow our academic procedures and facilitate a transparent and impartial process for grade appeals. Thank you.
Alicia Waring (Physical Education and Human Performance, CHRS)	As an adjunct professor, I am excited about supporting faculty and students alike, as I work with the committee to come to a resolution. As a team advisor working with Athletics, I find that there are a variety of factors that contribute to students requesting a grade appeal. I believe that my experience meeting with students weekly and getting to know them in a meaningful way will be valuable as the committee considers which route to go. My open-mindedness and critical thinking skills will complement the committee, undoubtedly.
TBA (Education)	

Information Technology Committee (to be elected: 3 from CLASS, 1 from Business, 1 from Education, 2 from SEST, 1 from SUOAF-AFSCME)

Peggy Bloomer (Art & Design, CLASS)	As a Design faculty member, I engage daily with both software and hardware, integral to our curriculum. The dynamic landscape, with AI, AR, and Machine Learning, demands constant evaluation. Educators must scrutinize new tech for biases. Cloud-based computing is on the rise, affecting various disciplines. Joining the committee, I aim to address departmental needs, software updates, and delivery systems, ensuring relevance and fiscal prudence. I'm eager to contribute to navigating these transformations.
Justine Gamache (Registrar's Office)	I'd like to help shape technology policies and initiatives that benefit the entire Central community.
Michael Gendron (MIS, Business)	I am honored to submit my self-nomination for this committee. With my extensive experience in information technology and proven academic achievements, I am deeply committed to contributing effectively to our goals. My dedication to technology transfer demonstrates my ability to lead and innovate. I am confident that my expertise and commitment will significantly benefit our organization, driving us toward success with integrity and excellence.
Alireza Hadesfandari (Engineering, SEST)	I would like to be a member of "Information Technology Committee" to serve CCSU. 30 years of experience in teaching and research makes me a suitable nominee for this committee.
Xiao Ling (Marketing, Business)	As a faculty member specializing in quantitative analysis and big data, I am keen to contribute to the Information Technology Committee. With a robust background in harnessing technology for academic research, I am well-prepared to help prioritize projects and shape policies that enhance our academic computing resources, from cutting-edge classroom technologies to faculty development tools. As a passionate advocate for technological innovation, I am dedicated to ensuring our infrastructure meets the evolving needs of our university community!
Kimberly Meyer (Criminal Justice & Criminology, CLASS)	Dr. Kimberly Meyer has been an active member of the IT Committee for the last five years. She previously served as Vice Chair and has served as Chair/Acting Chair since Spring 2022. She has worked on projects including Hardware/Software budget requests, Interfolio, the website migration, and the Presidential Taskforce on Artificial Intelligence (AI). Dr. Meyer enjoys working with people throughout the university on ITC and hopes to remain a source of institutional knowledge on the committee and actively contribute to future initiatives, given the critical importance of our IT services.
Oluyinka Oyewumi (Earth & Space Sciences, SEST)	I have always had a great interest in Information Technology because of its obvious benefit to the University community. I believe that I would be a great addition making meaningful contribution to this committee if given the opportunity.
Jessica Rutherford (World Languages Literatures, & Cultures, CLASS)	
TBA (Education)	

International Education Committee (to be elected: 1 from CLASS, 1 from SEST, 1 from CHRS, 1 at-large)

Rosalyn Cavoli-Bravo (Nursing, CHRS)	I would like to serve on the International Education Committee. I have been an adjunct professor in the State system since 2004. Now as an assistant professor I'd like to expand my service here at CCSU. This would be a good opportunity since I have been on multiple health missions as an APRN abroad to Colombia, Nicaragua, and to the Dominican Republic (as an undergraduate student). I would like to share this experience with other students. I would like to help organize an international experience for Nursing students.
Paramita Dhar (Economics, CLASS)	Being an International faculty I believe I can channelize my learning experience in advising the committee to foster international education decisions. I have pursued most of my education in India before moving to the US to join Ph.D program at Uconn. I have mentored international students who are looking to pursue graduate programs in US. I can share my experience and be an asset to the committee by participating in CCSU's international programs and commitment.
Nan Hu (Art & Design, CLASS)	I started my academic journey as an international student, and I engaged with the paperwork for studying abroad and recruiting international students. With my international background, I am passionate about leveraging my insights and international education experience to serve the International Education Committee, develop culture exchange and study abroad, and help students establish a broader view of global cultures. I am dedicated to supporting initiatives that foster inclusivity, diversity, and globally-oriented education within our institution. Thank you.
Hamada Samir (Computer Science, SEST)	I am honored to be nominated for the International Education Committee. With a commitment to fostering global perspectives and cultural exchange. I aim to contribute meaningfully to our institution's international programs. My experience and dedication align with the committee's goals, and I'm eager to collaborate in advancing our shared mission. Thank you for your consideration.
Nadeem Shahid (Accounting, Business)	I am nominating myself for the committee membership because I have studied in different parts of the world. I understand the importance of partnerships with foreign universities, international students, and faculty exchanges. I will add value to the committee by bringing my experience to the table. May I kindly request for your vote, Nadeem Shahid?
Mohammad Reza Vaziri Sereshk (Engineering, SEST)	As a person who selected USA to pursue my education, I believe that international education is a great potential to be explored more at CCSU. Despite my relatively short tenure at CCSU, I have more than 12 years of experience as faculty in private and public universities here and abroad. I am familiar with challenges of life, study, and immigration for an international student. I believe that I have valuable skills and knowledge in promoting CCSU for the objectives of this committee which makes me an ideal candidate for this position.

Library Committee (to be elected: 4)

Heidi Hartwig (English, CLASS)	I have served on this committee before and am very familiar with the work. I will work to make sure that we are constantly improving the experience of our research library for students and faculty alike, from book acquisitions and electronic subscriptions to elements of the physical environment and events/presentations. The library should be the vibrant common core of our academic community. I will enjoy helping to make it so.
Nan Hu (Art & Design, CLASS)	As a former student studying in Elihu Burritt Library for course studies and now a faculty member conducting scholarly research, I am passionate about joining in the Library Committee and work with fellow committee members to make informed recommendations, address concerns, and advise administrative officers to better serve the need for faculty teaching, research, and studies in the library at CCSU
Lisa Nigro (Biology, SEST)	University libraries were an important component of my own college experience. As an instructor, I have included library access and resources as part of my curriculum. I also frequently ask students how they utilize the library and what is most helpful to their academic success (from an understanding of how to access journals and ILL items to study rooms to having multiple types of study environments available). I would be excited to serve on this committee and to help foster the best experience for both students and faculty.
Jeremy Visone (Educational Leadership & Instructional Technology, Education)	The Elihu Burritt Library is a tremendous resource to our campus community. It has been my pleasure to serve on this important committee for two terms prior to this election, and I would be honored to serve on the committee again. I have also served as my Department's Library Liaison since I joined the Department full time in 2016. The library is integral to our teaching and scholarship. Thus, helping to advocate for the library means a lot to me. For example, our committee has recently helped raise awareness for the need for new library furniture. Thank you for your consideration.

Mediation Committee (to be elected: 1 member, 1 alternate)

Alicia Bray (Biology, SEST)	<p>I have served on this committee in the past and would like to serve again. I strive to enter any case with impartiality and hold all parties to the rules and guidelines equally.</p> <p>My past experience has allowed me to obtain the necessary skills to serve this CCSU committee and community effectively.</p>
Joseph Farhat (Finance, Business)	<p>With over 19 years of dedicated service as a Finance Professor, Chair, and Dean at CCSU, I've had the privilege of serving both you and our students across various committees and roles. My extensive background as both a faculty member and administrator equips me with a unique perspective that I believe will greatly benefit the Mediation Committee.</p>
Patrick Foster (Technology & Engineering Education, SEST)	<p>I would like to serve again on the Mediation Committee, which I have chaired in the past under two administrations. Given the states, this is one of the most important committees at CCSU.</p>
Fan He (Finance, Business)	<p>Having had the privilege of serving as DEC chair, I believe that my familiarity with policies and procedures, coupled with my commitment to fairness and due process, equips me well to make a meaningful contribution to this committee. I am committed to ensure that all involved parties are treated with respect and fairness.</p>
Mary Nedela (Counselor Education & Family Therapy, SEPS)	<p>As a faculty member on tenure-track close to promotion, I am interested in getting involved in different areas of campus operations. I am a clinician by trade, which makes me skilled in areas related to mediation and resolving disputes. I believe my expertise in this area would provide a benefit to the committee and university.</p>
Darren Sweeney (Journalism, CLASS)	<p>I have served as a faculty department liaison for several years and I stand for fair treatment by everyone in terms of our contracts.</p>

Online Learning Committee (to be elected: 1 from Business, 1 from SEST, 1 from CHRS)

Michael Gendron (MIS, Business)	I am eager to continue advancing our online learning initiatives. My focus has been enhancing course accessibility, integrating adaptive technologies, and promoting inclusive education. I've led efforts to improve digital course access and pioneered personalized learning tools. Re-electing me ensures our commitment to innovative, effective online education continues.
Steve Johnson (Engineering, SEST)	I would like to serve on the Online Learning Committee ,Äi this would be my 1st service on this committee. Forced remote learning is mostly gone ,Äi except for those of us that present at conferences and keep classes going while out of town. I believe some level of remote/online teaching can be beneficial if properly structured and presented, and would like to support this effort at CCSU.
Mitch Page (Social Work)	
Decorti Rodgers-Tonge (Accounting , Business)	As an advocate for innovative education with a background in education and technology, I can bring a unique blend of pedagogical experience and digital proficiency to the online learning committee. I have designed engaging online learning experiences and can adapt to evolving educational trends. With my collaborative nature and proactive approach to problem-solving, I can work with fellow committee members to drive meaningful improvements and foster a culture of continuous learning within our online educational community.

Sabbatical Leave Committee (AAUP) (to be elected: 1 from Fine Arts, 1 from Social & Behavioral Sciences, 1 from Education, 1 from CHRS, 1 from Library)

Trevor Allen (Political Science, CLASS)	Having just been awarded my first sabbatical at CCSU, I am nominating myself to serve on the Sabbatical Leave Committee to familiarize myself with the exciting work of my colleagues from other departments and help award time to complete that work.
Michelle Cubellis (Criminology & Criminal Justice, CLASS)	I would appreciate the opportunity to serve on the sabbatical leave committee to help evaluate and award sabbaticals to those submitting proposals.
Kristin D'Amato (Library)	
Jerold Duquette (Political Science, CLASS)	
Brian Flinn (Art & Design, CLASS)	
Heather Rodriguez (Sociology, CLASS)	It would be an honor to support faculty in achieving their sabbatical goals, research agenda, or any external activities that support the mission of the university and student success.
Samantha Schenck (Economics, CLASS)	Having just completed my sabbatical leave this past fall, I know how important this opportunity can be for faculty wishing to enhance their research agenda, and for their overall wellbeing. I also have extensive prior experience working with scoring rubrics while evaluating CSU-AAUP Faculty research grants as well as scoring artifacts for both department and university assessment activities.
Susan Slaga-Metivier (Library)	I have served on the committee in the past and I'd be happy to do it again. I enjoy supporting and learning about my colleagues' research endeavors.
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Student Affairs Committee (to be elected: 2)

Trevor Allen (Political Science, CLASS)	I have served on the Student Affairs Committee previously and would like to resume work on that committee. Involvement with student activities on campus has enabled several classroom activities, especially in my FYE courses.
Steve Johnson (Engineering, SEST)	I am completing my 1st 2-year term on the Student Affairs Committee and would like to renew for another 2. Serving on the Student Affairs Committee has given me the opportunity to observe how CCSU provides students with clubs, organizations, and other extra-academic experiences and CCSU needs to do more to enhance these experiences. We want CCSU alums to boast of the amazing education and out of classroom experiences they had. If reelected, I promise to continue working as a strong advocate for student extracurricular experiences at CCSU.
Decorti Rodgers-Tonge (Accounting, Business)	I am passionate about advocating for student success and empowerment and am excited to contribute to the Student Affairs Committee. I am committed to creating an inclusive environment where all students can thrive, and I have experience designing and implementing programs to support their development. I believe in making sure students are heard and respected in decision-making, and I am skilled at collaborating with diverse stakeholders. I'm confident I can make meaningful contributions to enhance the student experience and foster a vibrant campus community.
Nadeem Shahid (Accounting, Business)	I am nominating myself for committee membership. The valued members of the committee allowed me to serve when one member was on sabbatical leave, as I was the second in place with the highest votes. Initially, it was for Fall 2023, but committee members let me serve for Spring 2024. My experience working with my valued committee members is wonderful, which led me to nominate myself, and I am requesting your vote. Thank you, Nadeem Shahid

Termination Hearing Committee (to be elected: 3)

Michael Bartone (Literacy, Elementary, & Early Childhood Education, Education)	Having been active in AAUP as department liaison in all my time at CCSU and a current elected AAUP official, I believe I am well prepared to be a member of this committee.
Alicia Bray (Biology, SEST)	I have served on this committee in the past and would like to serve again. I strive to enter any case with impartiality and hold all parties to the rules and guidelines equally. My past experience has allowed me to obtain the necessary skills to serve this CCSU committee and community effectively.
Stephen Cohen (English, CLASS)	Having just completed a term on the Termination hearing Committee, I would be happy to serve again.
Fan He (Finance, Business)	Having had the privilege of serving as DEC chair, I believe that my familiarity with policies and procedures, coupled with my commitment to fairness and due process, equips me well to make a meaningful contribution to this committee. I am committed to upholding the integrity of the proceedings while ensuring that all involved parties are treated with respect and fairness.
Andrew Weinberger (Accounting, Business)	I would like to be considered for the Termination Hearing Committee. I'm aware of how sensitive termination proceedings are and the need for utmost confidentiality. I am a CPA and my profession demands that I uphold the highest ethics, morales and integrity. These are all necessary to ensure terminations are evaluated appropriately. Thank you for your consideration to serve!
Shuju Wu (Computer Electronics and Graphics Technology, SEST)	My 20 years of academic experience (14 years at Central) is highlighted by dedication to teaching, research, service, and mentorship. In my terms of department Chair and AAUP liaison, I exercised strong leadership skills and ability to navigate complex and difficult procedures. My mission is to advocate for the rights of all individuals, especially the vulnerable, and my decisions are grounded in facts. My commitment to fairness, equity, and diversity is demonstratable and recognized by colleagues. If elected, I will contribute utmost effort to help the committee achieve its mission and goals.

University Athletics Board (to be elected: 3)

Caroline Brasa-Albert (Student Activities and Leadership Development, SUOAF-AFSCME)	Caroline's extensive background in Campus Recreation, coupled with her experience as a student-athlete and her tenure with the Boston Celtics, uniquely positions her to contribute effectively to The University Athletics Board (UAB). Her understanding of athletic programs, coupled with her familiarity with academic initiatives, makes her an ideal candidate for ensuring the academic progress of student-athletes and overseeing institutional control of athletics within the university community.
Diana Cohen (Political Science, CLASS)	As a former Division I ice hockey goaltender, I understand the challenges of being a student-athlete. From 6AM weightlifting sessions to 7-hour bus rides to away games, student-athletes have a lot of unique scheduling demands. Serving on the UAB allows me to use my first-hand experience to give back to our campus community. I value helping build an infrastructure where our student-athletes feel supported. I enjoy leveraging my experience as an athlete and sports scholar to help our students come up with strategies to improve academically. With your vote, I look forward to continuing my service.
Matthew Martin (Physical Education & Human Performance, SEPS)	I have over 20 years' experience working with student athletes and faculty/coaches at four universities. I have a good understanding of the challenges associated with meeting one's academic and sport requirements as students pursue an undergraduate degree at CCSU. I've mentored student athletes, been part of hiring committees for coaching searches, and worked with athletic departments to help student succeed academically at different four-year institutions.
James Minnix (Music, CLASS)	As the Director of Bands at Central, I work closely with the Athletic Department and am invested in supporting our athletic programs. Success for our athletes, coaches, and staff has a direct result on the culture of our campus, and I hope to have a chance to offer my support by serving on this committee. The Central Marching Band and Central Pep Band under my leadership have done well to support the athletic program this past academic year, and I look forward to continuing to grow the bands so that we can have an even stronger impact on our game day environment.
Jason Sikorski (Psychological Science, CLASS)	I have served on this committee in the past and feel prepared to offer ideas about how to best support our hard-working student athletes and maximize their holistic potential. My career background as an educator and psychologist seem well suited to the position. Although likely unhelpful, I am also a rather ineffective little league coach. :)

University Planning and Budget Committee (to be elected: 1 full-time AAUP from Education, 1 full-time AAUP at large, 1 part-time AAUP, 3 full-time SUOAF-AFSCME)

Jessica Aguilar (Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice, CHRS)	Joining the committee would allow me to contribute to the university's strategic planning and collaborate with other colleagues to ensure that resources are allocated efficiently. Overall, I am eager to actively participate as a newer member of the CCSU community.
Michael Bartone (Literacy, Elementary, & Early Childhood Education, Education)	I will aim to work collaboratively with colleagues to ensure the CCSU budget is fair and equitable for all schools.
Wesley Henry (Department of Educational Leadership & Instructional Technology, Education)	It would be an honor to again serve the School of Education as a UPBC representative. I served on the UPBC during Spring 2023 and greatly appreciated this service opportunity. Additionally, I served on and eventually chaired a similar committee at my previous institution. Through this work at CCSU and elsewhere, I have come to understand the important role that transparency and consistent, clear communication play in resource stewardship. The work of this committee is important, and I am eager to collaborate with and represent SOE faculty in this role.
Scott Kazar (Student Activities and Leadership Development, SUOAF-AFSCME)	With over a decade of experience at CCSU and a comprehensive oversight of the campus recreation department, I am eager to expand my involvement within the university community. As a Recreation Specialist, I have had the privilege of witnessing the transformative impact that strategic planning and budgetary decisions can have on our campus. I believe that my insights into the needs and aspirations of both students and staff, coupled with my dedication to fostering a vibrant and inclusive campus environment, would make me a valuable addition to the UPBC committee.
David LaMay (Finance, Business, <i>part-time</i>)	I would like to be considered for a position on the University Planning and Budget Committee. As an adjunct, I have taught FIN 210, Personal Finance, since the Fall 2019 semester. Prior to this I taught an Introduction to Finance at Albertus Magnus College from 2009 - 2019. I am a Certified Financial Planner and have worked in the Financial Services industry since 1991. From 2005 - 2021, I was a member (elected position) of the Old Saybrook Board of Finance, with 10 years as its Chairman. Please let me know if you need any additional information and / or references.
Sarah Petras (Information Technology, SUOAF-AFSCME)	I began working at CCSU in September of 2004. I have served this university in some form since 2015. I have been a member, as either a full senator or alternate, since fall 2015. I served on ITC for 4.5 years. I served on the UPBC from Fall of 2017 through the Spring of 2023. This past year was my mandatory year off. While serving on the UPBC is a difficult job, I feel it is worth the work and look forward to serving on the committee once again in fall of 2024. I believe I was a good addition to the UPBC team and hope to be elected back to the committee.
Samantha Seamans-Frizzell (English, CLASS)	As I currently serve as a part-time representative on the UPBC, and have for the past year, I would like to continue my service for the next three years. In addition, I have served as an alternate on the faculty senate (2022-24) and for one year on the IT committee (2023).
Sheldon Watson (Educational Leadership & Instructional Technology, Education)	My experience as a graduate program director, former department chair, and former associate to the provost, as well as my years of service on faculty senate, curriculum committee, IRB, and graduate studies committee provide me with a broad organizational perspective on the strengths and areas for growth across the university. Additionally, my content expertise in the field of higher education grants me a national-level lens on the dynamic challenges facing our profession. I would be honored to provide service and support to our institution as a member of this committee.
James Whittemore (Registrar, SUOAF-AFSCME)	

Writing in the Disciplines Committee (open membership)

Stephen Cohen (English, CLASS)	I have been a long-time advocate of Writing in the Disciplines at CCSU and worked on the creation of the new WID requirement. I would like to join the committee to help oversee the requirement's establishment.
Michelle Cubellis (Criminology & Criminal Justice, CLASS)	
Amanda Fields (English, CLASS)	The work I do here as a writing professor and writing center director is intentionally designed around acclimating writers to the demands of genres within and across disciplines. My doctoral degree is in rhetoric and composition, including a pedagogical foundation in writing across the curriculum as well as writing in the disciplines. I would love the opportunity to contribute this expertise and work with interdisciplinary faculty as they design and revise writing curricula geared toward the host of written genres in their respective disciplines.
Martha Kruey (Library)	As a librarian with an M.F.A. in writing, I have assisted students with writing and editing when the Writing Center was not open, such as during the summer months. I have a working knowledge of many of the academic subjects' writing formats, specifically for the bibliographic elements. I actively contributed with writing for and editing of the Davis Educational Grant steering committee that won a large grant for our proposal.
Kristine Larsen (Earth and Space Sciences, SEST)	I believe my experience as director of the Honors Program, which includes a Writing in the Disciplines requirement, will be of use to the committee. I would very much like to work with colleagues from across campus to bring this new requirement to fruition in a way that benefits both individual student learning and academic programs as a whole.
Brian Matzke (Library)	I have a longstanding interest in Writing in the Disciplines. Before becoming a librarian I earned my PhD in English & worked at a Writing Center for 3 years where I taught both Freshman & upper level writing & tutored students from across the university. As a librarian I continue to provide one-on-one support for students who are doing various kinds of writing in their disciplines. As Digital Humanities Librarian, I am particularly interested in writing in digital contexts & writing as a multi-media activity that requires media literacy & an understanding of both verbal & visual rhetoric.
Lisa Nigro (Biology, SEST)	Writing has been an important component of many of the courses that I have instructed. I am also familiar with the requirements of 3 other university intensive writing courses and have taught one in the past as well. I would be excited to serve on this committee and hope that I can bring in different perspectives for this new requirement at CCSU.
Jason Snyder (Marketing, Business)	Please consider my nomination for this committee. I have spent 17 years teaching the only course in the School of Business that teaches writing. I have served on previous iterations of committees that looked at topics such as writing across the disciplines.
Tara Weese (Philosophy and Political Science, CLASS)	Teaching students how to write effectively is hard, and it's something that I've struggled with myself, especially in lower level classes during my first year teaching at CCSU. In joining this committee, my hope would be to help develop resources for professors to help them teach writing effectively and to craft writing assignments that are useful and accessible for students learning to write.