

President-Elect's Report for April 23, 2018
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Elections

The 2018-19 elections are now complete, and the entire faculty has been notified of the winners. The table below names all new senators and alternates, including the two senators from the College of Social Work, which held their own elections and reported back a bit later. We are all thrilled about the high level of interest and turnout this election generated.

Agricultural and Extension		
Shawn Schaefer	BESS Agriculture and Resource	Senator
T. Edward Yu	Economics	Senator
Ann Allgood Berry	Family and Consumer Sciences	Senator
Karen Jones	Food Science	Senator
Lacey Johnston	Animal Science	Alternate
Architecture & Design		
Jennifer Akerman		Senator
Avigail Sachs		Alternate
A&S Arts-Humanities		
Tore Olsson	History	Senator
Jason Brown	Art	Senator
Rossy Toledo	MFL	Senator
Harrison Meadows	MFL	Senator
Lisi Schoenbach	English	Senator
Anne Langendorfer	English	Senator
Jed Diamond	Theatre	Alternate
Jessica Westerhold	Classics	Alternate
Loneka Battiste	Music	Alternate
A&S Natural Sciences		
Michael Gilchrist	EEB	Senator
Soren Sorensen	Physics	Senator
Stephanie Madison	Biology	Senator
Anne Ho	Mathematics	Alternate
Jeremy Chandler	Biology	Alternate
A&S Social Sciences		
Graciela Cabana	Anthropology	Senator
Victor Ray	Sociology	Senator
Harry F. Dahms	Sociology	Senator
William Jennings	Political Science	Alternate
Business Administration		
Luiz Lima	Economics	Senator
Ken Baker	Economics	Senator

Communication & Information

Amber Roessner	Journalism/Electronic Media	Senator
Courtney Wright	Communication Studies	Senator
Bharat Mehra	Information Science	Alternate

Education, Health & Human Sciences

Lisa Driscoll	Ed Leadership & Policy	Senator
Shawn Spurgeon	Ed Psych & Counseling	Senator
Steve McCallum	Ed Psych & Counseling	Senator

Engineering

Paddison, Stephen John	CBE	Senator
Zhili Zhang	MABE	Senator
Audris Mockus	EECS	Senator
Aaron, Douglas Scott	MABE	Senator
Qiang He	Civil	Alternate
Yanfei Gao	MSE	Alternate

Law

Brad Areheart	Law	Senator
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Libraries

Rachel Caldwell	Libraries	Senator
Thura Mack	Libraries	Alternate

Nursing

Joel Anderson	Nursing	Senator
Samereh Abdoli	Nursing	Alternate

Social Work

Phyllis Thompson	Social Work	Senator
David Dupper	Social Work	Senator
David Patterson	Social Work	Alternate

Veterinary Medicine

Isabella Pfeiffer	Small Animal Clinical Sciences	Senator
Angela Witzel	Small Animal Clinical Sciences	Alternate

#UTellOurStory

A new micro-video project, #UTellOurStory, launched April 9, 2018. It features short one-minute videos of a faculty member and a student interviewing each other about the good work that is going on in our classrooms and labs, and the mentoring relationships professors develop with their students. The series helps to reclaim the heart of the university for the faculty and the students they teach. The first wave of videos features Barry Bruce, Jessi Grieser, Jed Diamond, Sarah Lowe, James Williams, and Sadie Hutson. We hope to continue the project and feature more of our colleagues over the course of the next academic year. My long-range hope is that some of these voices can become advocates for UTK in our communities, doing the work of garnering the good will and partnership of Tennesseans who benefit from

the excellence of their flagship R1 university. This series proudly bears the Faculty Senate imprimatur at the end of each video.

PLAY it oUT

The PLAY it oUT project launched its first pilot performances April 17, 19, 20, and 22. In addition to the MFA candidates and graduates who have been involved, doctoral students in Psychology have also been part of developing the talk back sessions after the performances. Recently DSW candidates Diane Smith and Charlotte Matthews reached out to see if there might be a way to work together in the fall through their Social Justice Innovation Initiative for the Challenge Racism grant. President-elect Anderson will be exploring additional grant opportunities over the summer to see if we can extend the reach of this program and continue to refine it. This has been a powerful expression of our commitment to diversity, inclusion, community, and faculty/student collaboration.

Looking Ahead

Our Senate retreat is set for Friday, August 17th, and a listing of next year's meetings for the Senate and Executive Council will soon be available on the website. We have secured the Scripps Convergence Lab space for the Executive Council meetings, and we hope to be in Strong Hall for all of the meetings of the full Faculty Senate. In addition, we will be collecting committee assignments for the coming year via a secure Google form, which will allow senators to select their preferences online and then generate a report for the President and support staff. We also plan to issue "mini-minutes" next year after each senate meeting to the entire faculty as a means of communicating core business and matters of concern. The new TUFS website will help serve as a centralized point of information about pending legislation that relates to higher education and other matters that will be of interest to the faculty across the state. We hope to continue to use social media to greater effect and to continue to make communications more effective.