Andrew Ainslie  
Benjamin Forman Professor of Marketing  
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I am the Benjamin Forman Professor of Marketing at the Simon Business School. I currently serve as an ex officio member of the Senate Executive Committee. I previously served as Dean of the Simon Business School from 2014 to 2020. Before that, I was on the faculty at UCLA for 14 years, the last 5 of which I spent as Associate Dean of Programs.

It may seem unusual for an ex-Dean to serve on the Senate. However, I feel that my time in that office together with my academic training gives me a unique perspective on the functioning of the University, and particularly on its financial operations. I also wish to continue to contribute my time and energy to making the University of Rochester successful. The last few years have not been kind financially to the University of Rochester as a whole, although the school that I controlled performed well during that time. I hope to bring this perspective to bear as we move through what will be a difficult few years restoring the University's financial viability. I feel that the Senate can play an important role in this regard, by interacting with and providing oversight to the University’s administration.

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I joined the Department of Physics and Astronomy in 2014, and I work in the fields of particle astrophysics (the study of extraterrestrial neutrinos, gamma rays, and cosmic rays) and cosmology (the study of the origin and evolution of the universe). I have experience working collaboratively in large groups, with leadership roles in several large scientific collaborations and membership in the AS&E Faculty Council from 2019-2022 and the Faculty Council Steering Committee during 2020-2021. The Faculty Senate would be my first foray into university-wide governance. I am interested in the Senate because I believe it is critical that the faculty play a central role in guiding the research and teaching missions of the University of Rochester. We are emerging from two years of personal and professional disruption, and the pandemic has unfortunately taken a toll on our institution. We are operating at below full strength, and the collective decisions we make during the next two years will determine the structure and direction of the university for the next two decades. The Senate faces great responsibilities, but as we start to unwind the damaging effects of COVID and natural attrition, this is also a great opportunity. If selected for the Senate, I would seek to learn from and work with colleagues to ensure that our voices are heard.

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Lisa Brophy
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Since joining the SON in 2012, I have held a variety of roles and taught in a number of programs. Currently I serve as the Assistant Dean for Education and will begin teaching in the Interprofessional master’s program – Leadership in Healthcare Systems this summer. I was the recipient of the 2018 Josephine Craytor Nursing Faculty Award and the 2019 Dean’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. I am a member of FLONEL and Sigma Theta Tau and was recently accepted to the AACN Elevating Leaders in Academic Nursing fellowship. In addition to other roles in SON, I currently serve as the Chair of the SON Faculty Governance Committee. I first became familiar with the faculty senate as the SON ex-officio, member of the SEC. As an ex-officio member of the SEC I have gained a much broader understanding for how the university functions as well as its pressing concerns. I am interested in joining the senate to have a greater role in university wide initiatives and decision making. Finally, the SON is one of the smaller schools within the university family, so would like to join to ensure it is adequately represented.

Mary G. Carey
Associate Professor
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Dr. Mary Carey is also the Nursing Director of Research at Strong Memorial Hospital. A critical care nurse by training, Carey is a highly respected researcher, educator, and mentor whose work has made significant contributions to the understanding of ECG monitoring to help detect cardiac arrhythmias and myocardial ischemia and infarction. She has extensive experience serving at the university-level currently as incumbent senator and on other university committees including: Faculty Grievance Committees, Diversity in Faculty Recruitment, Board of Trustee’s, Health Affairs Committee, Commission on Women and Gender Equity in Academia, etc. Dr. Carey serves because she is strong supporter of faculty shared governance and has a strong sense of belongingness to the university campus community.

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My research is in various areas of analysis, including harmonic analysis, partial differential equations and inverse problems. I have been a UR faculty member since 1983 and served as chair of the Department of Mathematics from 2011-2014. Having been at UR for many years and seen how it has responded to external forces and trends in academia and the economy, I have concerns about how we are dealing with the pandemic and its aftermath. There should be greater transparency from the administration with respect to both data and processes concerning allocation of UR’s limited resources.

Nicholas Gresens
Associate Professor, Religion and Classics
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I have been a member of the faculty since 2009. My teaching focuses on the ancient languages of Greek and Latin, and ancient mythology, although I have also recently become interested in Epicurean philosophy as both a research and teaching focus. I am also the current president of our local chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. As a non-tenure track, teaching faculty, I am running to give a voice to that portion of the faculty as well as represent and advocate for the humanities within the institution.

Harry Groenevelt
Associate Professor of Operations
Simon School of Business

I joined the Simon faculty in 1984. My research interests include logistics and supply chain management, service system management and sustainable operations. I have taught a variety of courses in the PhD, MBA and EMBA programs in the Simon School and teach the core Operations Management course in the undergraduate problem. I have been active in the Faculty Senate for over 20 years, serving as Chair, Co-chair and Secretary at various times, as well as in numerous other capacities. I am currently a member of the College Curriculum Committee and the Faculty Senate Committee on Elections. The Faculty Senate is the institution at the center of the university where all the faculties of the various parts meet and interact with the administration. A strong Senate is vital to the making the University thrive in the future. Please vote and consider running for Senator next time or for one of the Senate committees (next elections in the Fall) in the future!
I joined the ESM faculty in 2017. In 2019, I was hired into a new, tenure-track position. My research focuses on musical life in the twentieth-century United States. Prior to coming to UR, I received my PhD in music history and literature from the University of California, Berkeley and my AB from Harvard College. I also studied voice at the New England Conservatory, received a Fulbright grant to study singing in Paris, and performed solo roles with the Houston Grand Opera, Washington National Opera, and other companies. My performance background has made me particularly interested in the lived experience of music, and my approach to musicology has been influenced by ethnomusicologists and anthropologists. Beyond UR, I serve on the board of the Greater Rochester Community of Churches, a justice-focused ecumenical organization, run a community anti-racism book group through St. Anne Church in Rochester, and am engaged in local climate advocacy. I am pursuing a seat on the Faculty Senate because I want to promote shared governance as well as equity, diversity, and inclusion at UR. As someone who has experienced academic employment both off and on the tenure track, at UR and elsewhere, I am particularly concerned to promote economic security for all UR employees.

Daniel Kawakyu-O’Connor
Associate Professor of Imaging Sciences
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I have been a member of the Division of Emergency Imaging for 10 years, and division chief since 2017, and I presently serve as department Wellness Officer and member of the URMC Wellness Strategic Planning Working Group. Clinical interests include streamlining urgent and emergent overnight ED and inpatient radiology services to promote a positive experience for our patients and colleagues. Teaching and recent research interests include resident and physician wellness, the interaction between managerialism and professionalism, and the impact of compensation practices on promoting equity and inclusion in academic medicine.

I believe that the University is at a critical juncture – and has unique opportunities – to build our institutional reputation as one that is inclusive and responsive to the needs of our faculty. Broad attention to culture, transparency, promotion practices, and benefits at institutional and divisional levels can pay dividends on advancing our institutional missions and reputation, and are best applied at every level of policy- and decision-making. The Faculty Senate is central in this role, and I look forward to serving our community in promoting the University as a place where people want to study, contribute, and build personally and professionally meaningful lives and careers.

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David Lambert  
Professor  
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I study the evolution of animal development; the current work in my lab concerns the origin of the retinoic acid signaling pathway in animals. I joined the Biology department in 2004, and have served since 2008 as the Track advisor for the B.S. in Cell and Developmental Biology. I currently serve on the department’s Graduate Affairs and Admission Committee and on the University Council for Graduate Studies. I would like to serve on the Faculty Senate to represent the perspectives of the Biology department, and to help enhance the intellectual vitality of the University.

Joanne Larson  
Michael W. Scandling Professor of Education  
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Joanne (Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles) is the Michael W. Scandling Professor of Education at the University of Rochester’s Warner Graduate School of Education and Human Development and Associate Director of Research at the Center for Urban Education Success (CUES). Her research examines how language and literacy practices mediate social and power relations in literacy events in schools and communities. She is one of the leaders of the East EPO partnership, currently conducting long-term research with teachers, administrators, and students on both the partnership and on a class she co-teaches. She has been at the University since 1995. She served as chair of the Teaching and Curriculum program for 15 years and is the Director of the Genesee Valley Writing Project. She has been a Senator for two years and co-chair of faculty senate for the 2021-22 academic year.

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I have a background in epidemiology, social behavioral science, and global health. I joined the faculty of Public Health Sciences at the University of Rochester in 2017 with an academic commitment to address inequity in access to and utilization of healthcare among populations facing various socio-environmental challenges. Specifically, my research involves collaborating with community-based partners to design culturally appropriate strategies to address psychosocial syndemics (e.g., social stigma, mental health, substance use, socioeconomic adversities) and enhance the HIV prevention uptake among racial minority gay/bisexual men. As a junior faculty member, I have served as the PI/Co-PI/Co-I of multiple UR and NIH-funded studies and frequently published in top HIV and health-related peer-reviewed journals spanning a wide array of topical areas. I am also an active member in teaching (e.g., Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Causal Inference in Epidemiology) and mentoring (seven Ph.D., four MS, and two undergraduate) students of various backgrounds. I also serve as the research advisor for two community-based LGBTQ HIV prevention centers focusing on improving diversity and
inclusion in research. I have an unparalleled passion for the contribution to cultivating organic, unbiased, and sustainable environments across various service, educational, and research settings. I am particularly interested in joining the Faculty Senate because it will help further my commitment to this endeavor within the University of Rochester community.

Jeffrey Q. McCune Jr.
Director, Frederick Douglass Institute, and Associate Professor of English Arts, Sciences, and Engineering

Dr. Jeffrey Q. McCune, Jr. is the Director of the Frederick Douglass Institute for African & African-American Studies and the Frederick Douglass Associate Professor of African American Literature and Culture at the University of Rochester. He is the author of the award-winning book Sexual Discretion: Black Masculinity and the Politics of Passing. He is presently completing two books, *Disobedient Reading: An Experiment in Seeing Black* (to be published with the University of California Press), and On Kanye, a book that examines the “wild genius,” alongside the cost and complexity of black iconography. Dr. McCune has been featured on *Left of Black*, Sirius XM’s Joe Madison Show, HuffPost Live, Pitchfork, and a guest expert on *Bill Nye Saves the World*.

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Remi Okwechime is a Neurocritical Care physician with special interest in Epilepsy, subarachnoid and Intracranial hemorrhages and Neuropalliative Care. She completed her medical school at Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife, Nigeria and her Consultant Internal Medicine training at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, an academic affiliate of New York Medical College. She has authored several publications, won an American Medical Association (AMA) award and obtained a Master’s Degree in Public health from Grand Canyon University, Phoenix Arizona. She went on to complete her fellowship in Neurocritical Care at Ochsner Medical Center New Orleans, Louisiana. She is happily married with three beautiful children to Anthony Okwechime a Computer Engineer at Google Cloud.

Given the diversity of our community and having trained in the medical profession across different continents I have come to appreciate the invaluable benefits of multiple perspectives to the University and it’s community. I have been serving as an Assistant Professor of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Medicine at URMC since September 2021 and I am familiar with the diversity of our community. In the three years of my training to become a Fellow of the American College of Physicians (FACP), I have learnt the importance of having a global perspective in the medical field. Despite an innumerable number of challenges and obstacles as a black woman in the pursuit of my career in Neurocritical care- a male dominated field, I look back now and I am confident that it was worth it. I am deeply interested in Epilepsy research among others and I have ongoing projects to contribute to the development of a protocol for Refractory Status Epilepticus. I am aspiring to become a member of the Senate in order to add value through my different perspective, promote research and ensure the high standards of URMC’s teaching
values. My goal is to support the wellbeing of the students and faculty creating a harmonious work-life balance. I am an excellent team player and have been designated a Neuropalliative Care champion for my department in Neurocritical Care at URMC. I am also working on a project to improve the mortality rates in our department. I am daily mentoring and teaching medical students, residents, fellows and advanced practice providers. I look forward to serving this collegial environment as a member of the Senate and I hope to be given the opportunity to represent the School of Medicine and Dentistry. Thank you for your time.

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I am a physician-scientist and director of the Molecular Genomic Pathology unit of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at URMC. My research interest spans from understanding bacterial cell communication to developing improved diagnostic and therapeutic approaches for disease pathologies with a main focus on the molecular pathology of cancer. I joined the UR faculty in late 2019, and I have served on various departmental committees since. I have been very impressed with the work of the Faculty Senate and the important dialogue it has established with UR’s administrative leadership. My main motivation to join the Faculty Senate is to extend the same spirit of dialogue and collaboration. I am also very interested in the University’s ongoing efforts toward creating a green and carbon-neutral campus and I serve on the UR Sustainability committee. I am originally from Budapest, Hungary and served for twenty years as an elder in two Hungarian-American protestant churches.

Tara Serwetnyk
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I am an Associate Professor of Clinical Nursing and the Education Innovation Team Coordinator at the University of Rochester School of Nursing. My educational approaches and research include innovative academic practices in healthcare and higher education. As a leader in the Redefining Our Classroom (iROC) program, successes include recognition as an Apple Distinguished School, request for consultations, and invitations to present at local, regional, and national conferences. I am also a recent graduate of the EdD in Education Administration with Specialization in Higher Education program from the Warner School of Education. Through my experiences at the University, I have found importance in having a global understanding of University matters to best support faculty and students. In addition, I truly value the shared governance model of the Faculty Senate and would be honored to represent the school of nursing as a Senator.

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Nadejda (Nadia) Stefanova Stephens, DMD
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Dr. Nadejda Stefanova Stephens is originally from Bulgaria and graduated from the Medical Academy of Plovdiv - Bulgaria, Faculty of Stomatology in 1992 and obtained a DMD degree. She continued her education with a 4-year OMFS residency and upon completion received a specialty license in Bulgaria in 1997. As a member of the Union of Bulgarian Scientists and The International Medical Association “Bulgaria” (IMAB), Dr. Stephens was awarded a one-year fellowship in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Hebrew University, Faculty of Dentistry in Jerusalem, Israel. Upon returning back to her home country, Dr. Stefanova Stephens continued her professional career as a contractor for the Bulgarian Navy and part time OMFS faculty at the Medical University of Varna, OMFS Unit. Later on in September 1998, she immigrated to the United States and started the process of further professional education to obtain a dental license. Soon followed: three-year OMFS research fellowship in UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas; 2007-2008 - Comprehensive Dentistry program in NYU, College of Dentistry; 2008-2010 - Advanced Education in General Dentistry in Eastman Institute for Oral Health (EIOH), University of Rochester; 2010-2011 – GPR residency in Rochester General Hospital and OMFS Internship at the Jacobi Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, NY – 2011-2012. Dr. Stephens obtained her NYS dental license in July 2011. Currently, she is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Dentistry at EIOH, University of Rochester and serving as an Associate Director of the newly opened Specialty Care clinic. The scope of practice of this clinic is geriatric dentistry, bariatric dentistry, perinatal clinic, medically complex patients, mild intellectual disability and wheelchair bound patients. Dr. Stephens is also enrolled in a Medical Management Masters Degree Program at the Simon Business School, University of Rochester.

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Michael Telias
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My research focuses on understanding how disease affects the structure and function of neurons. My work is concerned mainly with investigating degeneration in the retina and blindness. After spending 7 years at University of California, Berkeley, as a postdoc and research assistant, I joined the faculty of the Flaum Eye Institute as an Assistant Professor last December. As a junior faculty member I would like to be involved in leadership roles, and to have an opportunity to give back to the University. I think that serving in the Senate can achieve both.

Madalina Tivarus, PhD
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I am an Associate Professor in the Departments of Imaging Sciences and Neuroscience. I have clinical responsibilities as the Director of the clinical Functional MRI pre-surgical brain mapping program, and of the 3D Post-Processing Lab, and am providing MR Physics support for the clinical MRI systems across the Medical Center. I study the brain using neuroimaging techniques and focus on their applications in neurology, neuroscience and clinical neuroradiology. My research collaborations span multiple departments both within the Medical Center and River Campus. I have recently been appointed as the Associate Director of Operations at the UR Center for Advanced Brain Imaging and Neurophysiology, which will facilitate even more interactions with faculty across the University. I am engaged in teaching and mentoring of undergraduates, graduate students, residents, and fellows. If elected to serve in the Faculty Senate, I hope to offer a comprehensive perspective based on my involvement across the UR research and clinical community and be a voice for faculty, staff, and trainees I work with every day.

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I am an assistant professor of clinical medicine and full-time hospitalist at Highland Hospital. I recently graduated from the internal medicine residency program at Strong Memorial Hospital and happily chose to continue my career in the URMC system. I have an interest in point of care ultrasound and recently started a position as the director of point of care ultrasound at Highland Hospital. In this position, I plan to educate fellow faculty members, resident, and medical students on the emerging field of bedside ultrasound. I hope to provide a fresh perspective to the Faculty Senate and continue to help the University grow.

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