

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 20, 2020
NOMINATIONS FOR SENATE VICE CHAIR/CHAIR-ELECT
FOR THE 2020-2021 URI FACULTY SENATE**

Senate Vice Chair/Chair-Elect (2-year term):

Senator Michael A. Rice, Professor, Fisheries, Animal and Veterinary Sciences, Environment & Life Sciences

Senator Audrey Cardany, Associate Professor of Music/Music Education, College of Arts and Sciences

Respectfully submitted,

Kristine Bovy, Professor and Chair of Sociology/Anthropology

David Byrd, Professor, School of Education

Michael Honhart, Professor, History Department



Senator Michael A. Rice

Dear Faculty Senate Colleague:

I seek to earn your vote in the upcoming election for the Faculty Senate Vice Chairperson for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. This upcoming year will be particularly challenging for the Senate as major transitions will be affecting our University. The uncertainty from the changes in the governance structure of higher education with a new Board of Trustees brings forth a number of new challenges and opportunities. As Faculty Senators, it is

important that we are mindful of our charge set forth in Article 2 Section 3 of the Senate Constitution to "...make recommendations to the President and/or the Board of Governors through the President in regard to policies affecting faculty status and welfare..." Now is a critical time for working with President Dooley and supporting him in his role as the University's liaison with the new University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees. We need to assure that our core Land Grant University mission elements of instruction, research, and extension outreach in the service of our students and our wider clientele of the Rhode Island public across all of our colleges are enhanced by this transition in higher education governance and that our University continues to contribute and prosper as a result. Of equal importance during this exciting time of transition is the assurance of continuity of the long-standing commitment to shared governance at URI as set forth in Rhode Island Law (Sec 16-32-10) and the Constitution of the Faculty Senate.

I would bring to the office of Vice Chairperson of the Faculty Senate the experience of four different three-year terms and an additional partial term as a senator from the College of the Environment and Life Sciences, further experience as a department chairperson, as well as prior experience as Chairperson of the Senate between 2005 and 2007. I have also served on numerous university-wide and college committees during my 30+ years as a faculty member at the University, getting to know well many of the short-term pitfalls, while hopefully gaining the wisdom to find pathways to long-term success. I value our collaborative approach to problem solving, and I have a deep appreciation for the differences in academic culture in each of our unique colleges. I take seriously the responsibility of the Senate as the Faculty's primary vehicle for shared governance in our University, and I will work diligently to seek and nurture opportunities in this time of opportunity and transition. For these reasons I seek your support and your vote to be your next Senate Vice-Chairperson. Go Rhody!

Michael A. Rice, Senator CELS



Senator Audrey Cardany

Audrey Berger Cardany is Associate Professor of Music, teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in music and music education as well as conducting choral ensembles. She serves as Director of Music Education and Chairperson of the Music Department's Undergraduate Committee for Curriculum and Standards. She was elected to the Faculty Senate in 2018, where she has served as Chair for the newly structured Curriculum and Standards Committee and the Special Committee for a Curriculum Management System. She has also served on the Academic Calendar and General Education sub-committees. In these roles, she has honed her

leadership skills, acquired extensive knowledge in higher education curriculum, and gained an understanding of URI's role regionally, nationally and globally in academia.

Dedicated to providing music experiences to musicians of all ages and improving access to music in ways that benefit the community, her professional activities are varied and include clinics and publications in the music field. Dr. Cardany's research has been published in the *Journal of Research in Music Education*, *Psychology of Music*, *General Music Today* and the *Mountain Lake Journal*. She serves as the associate editor for research for Rhode Island's Music Educator Association's (RIMEA) publication, the *Rhode Island Music Educators Review*. The Maryland State Department of Education selected Cardany to present her research on technology and learning at the state's Early Childhood Care and Research Forum. From 2010-2014 she wrote a column for *General Music Today* connecting music and language and is an author for the 2013 elementary general music textbook series, *Interactive Music*, powered by Silver Burdett with Alfred. Dr. Cardany also serves as Director of Education and Community Outreach for The Chorus of Westerly.

I am honored to be nominated to continue to participate in shared governance. I am interested in giving voice to faculty in a sincere effort to balance decision-making with accountability of administration and the new Board. I've become keenly aware of the perception of faculty as unwilling to participate in the Senate for a variety of reasons including, "boring Committee work" and concerns about the time commitment necessary for meaningful contribution. I would hope to celebrate Committee tasks and achievements and communicate the importance of the Faculty Senate to our community. I hope to identify and mitigate barriers to service, invite more participation, and encourage faculty to be true partners in the process, making URI a place where we and our students thrive.