

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 20, 2014

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS  
OF THE 2014-2015 FACULTY SENATE

**SENATE CHAIRPERSON:**

Bahram Nassersharif, Distinguished University Professor, Mechanical, Industrial, and Systems Engineering, College of Engineering

**SENATE VICE CHAIRPERSON:**

Nancy Eaton, Professor and Chair, Mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences

Respectfully submitted,

David Byrd, School of Education  
Nedra Reynolds, Writing and Rhetoric  
Michael Rice, Fisheries, Animal, & Veterinary Science



Bahram Nassersharif, Ph.D.  
Distinguished University Professor

I am currently serving in my second year in a two-year term on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. I was reelected for a second term to the faculty senate in 2012 and have served the faculty senate in a number of different roles: Senator (2007-2010, 2012-2015), Chair of Admissions Advisory Committee (2008-2009), Joint Classroom Steering Committee (2009-present), Honorary Degree Committee (2008-present), Curricular Affairs Committee (2010-present), Joint Committee on Academic Planning (JCAP) (2012-present), and Administrator Evaluation Coordinator (2012-present). I have 31 years of experience as a professor, researcher, and administrator (Center Director, Department Head, and Dean) at Oregon State University, Texas A&M University, New Mexico State University, and 11 years at the University of Rhode Island.

I am interested in strengthening the role of the faculty senate in advancing and promoting URI, its faculty, and mission of the Institution. I would like to see a stronger role for the Faculty Senate and its committees in supporting our entire faculty in their teaching, research, and service work.



Nancy Eaton is a professor at the University of Rhode Island, where she currently chairs the Department of Mathematics. She was instrumental in developing URI's Collaboration for Explorations in Mathematics and Sciences program, which aims to foster inclusive excellence and enhance achievement in STEM related courses. As an American Council of Education (ACE) Fellow at San Jose State University in 2012-13, she worked closely with President Mohammad Qayoumi on strategies for using technology to transform education and Provost Ellen Junn on academic planning. She earned her Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics at Emory University and her Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and Mathematics at the State University of New York New Paltz. Her research specialization is in the area of combinatorics, in which she has distinguished herself by publishing original results in graph Ramsey theory, set representations of graphs, and graph coloring.

She is a past Senate Vice Chair from May 2010 to Dec 2010 and Senate Chair from Jan 2011 to May 2012.