

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
May 3, 2018

NOMINATIONS FOR 2018-2019 FACULTY SENATE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VACANCIES

(Listed alphabetically; see statements below)

2-YEAR TERM (one vacancy):

Michael Honhart, Professor, History, College of Arts and Sciences

Patricia Morokoff, Professor, Psychology, College of Health Sciences

1-YEAR TERM (one vacancy):

Robert Schwegler, Professor, Writing and Rhetoric, College of Arts and Sciences

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**2018-2019 OFFICERS AND RETURNING MEMBERS
OF THE FACULTY SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

SENATE CHAIR:

Hillary Leonard, Associate Professor, Area Coordinator for Marketing, College of Business

SENATE VICE CHAIR:

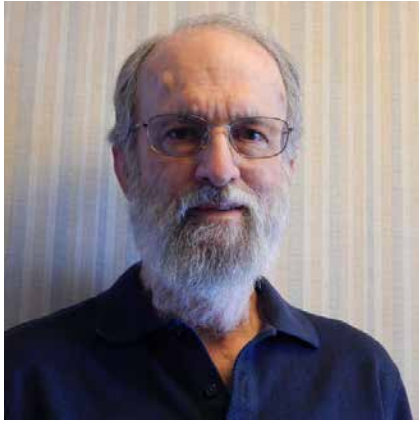
Bahram Nassersharif, Distinguished University Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering

CONTINUING MEMBERS of the Executive Committee:

Lynne Derbyshire, Director, Honors Program; Associate Professor, Communications Studies, College of Arts & Sciences

Mayrai Gindy, Associate Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering

Michael Honhart



The most important task facing the Faculty Senate Executive Committee in the next year will be to facilitate the work of the new Faculty Senate committees. I am interested in this task because in the summer of 2017 I was a member of the ad hoc committee known as "Ka-boom." We drafted language describing the new committees for the University Manual and the Faculty Senate By-Laws. I have served twice before on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, the last time being from 2009 to 2012. I have been a member and sometimes the chair of many standing and ad hoc committees of the Senate. For example, I have chaired the Curricular Affairs Committee and the University College and General Education Committee. My most significant recent service was as a member of the General Education Implementation Steering Team (GEIST) from 2014 to 2016. In addition to my university-wide service I have served my department and college in various capacities. I chaired the History Department for six years

and I have served as Interim Chair on three other occasions. I am currently my department's Director of Undergraduate Studies. I chaired the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee from 2014 to 2017.

Trish Morokoff



I have been a faculty member at URI since 1987 in the Department of Psychology. Since coming to URI, I served for 12 years as Director of the doctoral program in Clinical Psychology, then four years as Chair of Psychology, and most recently, six years as Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. My research is in the areas of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Health and I have successfully graduated 21 doctoral students. I have participated in substantial university service including as Co-Chair of the Equity Council and as a member of the Gateway to Completion Steering Committee, the Student Success Committee, the Complete College America URI Task Force, the Strategic Budget and Planning Committee, the Academic Affairs Diversity Task Force, and the Academic Advising Joint Steering Committee. As Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences, I focused on enhancing experiential learning in the college and coordinated the Arts and Sciences committees on Assessment; Diversity; and

Research, Scholarship, and Creative Work. I previously served two terms on the Faculty Senate. My current interests at the university level are in enhancing student success, developing strong degree programs, and improving opportunities for faculty productivity in both scholarship and teaching. I see the Faculty Senate Executive Committee as a great opportunity to work toward these goals.

Robert Schwegler



I have served two terms in the Faculty Senate, during which time I have come to appreciate even more the importance of shared governance and strong faculty voices. I am particularly interested in working with the Executive Committee as we implement the new committee structure and as we respond to challenges posed by enrollment. I am especially concerned about the role of flagship state universities at a time of growing student debt and a shrinking number of private colleges. Over my many years at URI, I have found this to be a special place, and I would like to help keep it moving forward.