

2016 Election Campaign Statements, by Position of Candidacy

Candidates for Chair

Peter Gillett, Chair

I am asking for your vote as Chairperson of the University Senate. I have previously served on the *Executive Committee* for six years, this last year as Vice Chair, and I now hope to have the opportunity to extend my service to you all. Here is some background:

1. After working at all levels including partner in two international accounting firms, I returned to academia, obtained my PhD, and joined the faculty of the *Rutgers Business School–Newark and New Brunswick* in 1996. I have taught and worked both in New Brunswick (where my current office is located) and in Newark (where my School is based). I have been an active member of the Senate for five terms, working on the *University Structure and Governance Committee* (as Chair or Co-Chair for five years) and on the *Budget and Finance Committee*. On *USGC*, I presented resolutions to increase staff representation on Senate, to preserve student representation through reorganization in New Brunswick, and to rebalance the size and composition of the Senate. I also worked with my committee on significant resolutions relating to the Vagelos report, the reorganization of undergraduate education in NB, the formation of a new nursing school in Camden, the preservation of Camden's place within Rutgers, enhanced shared governance at Rutgers, management of Senate business, etc. I followed Paul Panayotatos as Chair of the Senate's *Ad-Hoc Committee on Shared Governance*. On *Budget and Finance*, I spearheaded this year's review of the University Budget. For the past three years, I have been asked by the Chair to serve as the University Senate Parliamentarian. I have been proud and privileged to serve as your Vice Chairperson for the past year, and to represent Rutgers at meetings of the Shared Governance organizations of the other CIC members.
2. Beyond the Senate, I have served on the *NB Faculty Council* and its Curriculum Committee, and am the Faculty Advisor to the *Rutgers University Glee Club* and *Kirkpatrick Choir*. I am serving a sixth term as Faculty Secretary and Chair of the Committee on Rules of Procedure of the Rutgers Business School, served on multiple other committees, coordinated our PhD program for five years, and for two years was Academic Director of the *Prudential Business Ethics Center*.
3. My three children, my son-in-law, and my daughter-in-law-elect, all graduated from Rutgers, giving me considerable experience as a Rutgers parent, and insights into student life, educational costs, organizational challenges, and the infamous RU Screw.
4. My potential contributions as Chairperson, I believe, are the ability both to see the big picture and to attend to small but significant details; steadfast refusal to put popularity ahead of the need to speak truth and do right as I see them; rich experience of committee work both within Rutgers and in the business community; wide-ranging commitment to Rutgers, to the Senate, and to shared governance; determination to do what I can to help make Rutgers the best university it can be, for everyone; detailed working knowledge of technology and accounting; and a British sense of humor (which I clearly need . . .). Apparently, however, I eschew brevity. Sorry. I have greatly enjoyed my work on Senate so far, and learned a great deal from it, especially about collaborative work and about how Rutgers functions. I shall greatly appreciate your vote and look forward to serving you and our institution once more in these increasingly fascinating but challenging times.

Jane Otto, Chair

As a faculty Senator representing the Libraries, I have a demonstrated record of success in several Senate leadership roles: on the Executive Committee and as co-chair and chair of the Research, and Graduate and Professional Education Committee (RGPEC). Rutgers is in an exciting time of change, and one of the University's strengths is our inclusive Senate of students, faculty, staff, administrators, and alumni. With this kind of broad representation and the right kind of leadership—dynamic, creative, and collaborative—we can work together on issues of substance, to bring the Senate the kind of visibility, credibility, and

influence that will help move Rutgers forward as a premier research and teaching university. I have considerable leadership experience in a variety of organizations, including professional associations, international collaborative projects, the Library of Congress, and UCLA. RGPEC has worked with all of our Senate constituencies to bring very real change to the University, through an open access policy, a proposal for university-wide ORCID implementation, and substantive reports on the University's research support infrastructure and support for international students. This work has required strong communication, organizational, and analytical skills. If I were elected Chair of the University Senate, I would also bring to the table vision and dedication, a respect for others' views and time, good listening skills, and a real commitment to consensus building. I ask for your support, and thank you for your consideration.

Candidates for Vice Chair

Jon Oliver, Vice Chair

I feel a deep sense of honor to be nominated to be the Vice Chair of the Senate. It has been my privilege to serve on the Senate since 2008, co-chair of the University Structure and Governance Committee since 2010 and a member of the Executive Committee since 2013. I have been fortunate enough to serve with so many remarkable Senators and to discuss and report on so many issues of importance to Rutgers. As co-chair of the University Structure and Governance Committee I have worked with various constituencies to enhance and strengthen shared governance at Rutgers. I have sought and initiated changes which ultimately became multiple committee reports subsequently deliberated by the entire Senate on important issues confronting the university. These include the merger of the nursing and law schools, Senate size and constituency, robust shared governance and effective communication to name just a few. Much work is left to do. I am most proud of the charge I initiated on shared governance at Rutgers. There is nothing more important than having a robust model that recognizes the primary importance of our faculty and input of other constituencies in the health and well-being of this institution. I would be honored to take on this vital role and to help guide the Senate through the start of our next 250 years as an institution and will work every day to serve the university and the community. Together we make Rutgers the strong and diverse AAU research institution it is. Our inclusion in the CIC provides a shared vision group of partners. I hope you will consider my candidacy and I commit myself to do my best to ensure that the mission and goals of the university are met and the state and its population well served by this remarkable institution. If elected I will do my best to serve with integrity, hard work and tireless service. Thank you for your consideration.

Robert Puhak, Vice Chair

I humbly request your support here for Vice Chair. A faculty member in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science at Rutgers-Newark, I have served on the University Senate for the past six years as a member of the University Structure and Governance Committee (USGC); these past two years as Co-Chair of that committee; and for the past five years as a member of the Senate's Executive Committee. I am also a proud Rutgers Dad, as my daughter is finishing her junior year and my son is entering his freshman year in the Fall. As a member of the Rutgers community, I am deeply proud of the work we do and the mission we serve through teaching, research, and service.

When elected to the Senate, I made a firm commitment of dedicated time and work, as well as a thorough and balanced consideration of all issues, with an open mind to hearing the varied and valuable perspectives of Senate colleagues. I've lived up to that promise and will continue to do so. As Co-Chair of USGC, I make diligent efforts to ensure that all members of the committee have the opportunity to be heard; manage deliberations toward productive consensus; and ensure that the committee's voice is clearly represented in our reports and resolutions. Along with my colleagues on the Executive

Committee, we address numerous matters, e.g. proposed mergers and other large-scale, unprecedented changes, along with a host of ‘more regular’, yet still essentially important, concerns. We do so in steadfast manner with passion and dedication to our shared goal, the well-being and advancement of our Rutgers community.

Previous to the Senate and my time at Rutgers, I had the opportunity to serve successfully on a variety of boards and executive committees, which I believe brings important value, both in experience and broad perspective, to my work in the Senate. My background includes leadership experience in industry (within engineering and business, at various levels); among multiple civic groups (and related executive boards); within municipal government (in both elected and appointed positions); in educational communities (serving on a local school advisory board in my town and committees within other universities during my education); and finally, working to advance numerous philanthropic efforts.

At this time, I am ready to increase my contributions to the Senate, while leveraging my broad and varied leadership experience, and its record of getting things done in a diverse, dynamic set of environments. And so, I would appreciate and humbly ask for your support, your vote for Vice Chair, to serve in that role through the challenges and opportunities we face this coming year, as we all . . . students, staff, alumni, and faculty . . . pull together through truly shared governance, raising our Rutgers to even greater heights. Thank you.

Candidates for Camden Faculty Member of the Executive Committee

Yuchung Wang, Camden Faculty Member of the Executive Committee

I came to New Brunswick as a graduate student in 1973. Since then, I have become a proud parent, a professor in Camden, and a University Senator. It is a great honor to sit in the Executive Committee knowing what is going on in the vast tapestry of Rutgers. I was so excited when we learned that Camden would not be separated from Rutgers. The University Senate has also played an important role in advising the union of two law schools. I appreciate your vote.

Candidates for Newark Faculty Member of the Executive Committee

Natalie Borisovets, Newark Faculty Member of the Executive Committee

I’ve been an active member of the University Senate since 1988. In that time I have served as Senate Chair, as Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors and Trustees, as a member of numerous Senate working groups, as a member of the Executive Committee, and currently serve as Chair of the Instruction, Curricula & Advising Committee.

This is an exciting period in the history of this university. The merger of the University of Medicine and Dentistry into Rutgers has resulted in an even stronger, more vibrant university while at the same time presenting us with myriad issues that must be resolved. We’ve developed a series of strategic plans and are continuing to implement them. How we do so will determine what this university will look like in the future. There are lots of decisions that need to be made; many of these will find their way to the Senate floor.

Shared governance, of which the Senate is an integral part, is a key component of the makeup of the University. Unlike most other university senates, the Rutgers University Senate gives all segments of the University a representative voice. The Executive Committee, as the group which guides and sets the agenda, is a vital component of this unique shared governance body. I am privileged to have been given

the opportunity to participate and contribute to that group in the past; I hope that you grant me the opportunity to do so again.

Candidates for New Brunswick Faculty Member of the Executive Committee

Sanjib Bhuyan, New Brunswick Faculty Member of the Executive Committee

My name is Sanjib Bhuyan and I'm a faculty senator from SEBS. I've been a Senator since 2004 (except during the 2013-14 AY) and an active member of the ASRAC during this time (Chair: Martha Cotter). I've been also a member of the New Brunswick Faculty Council since 2013 (also during 2000-2003) and I'm currently its Vice-Chair (Chair: Mark Killingsworth).

I have volunteered to run for the Senate (and the NBFC) and thank my fellow faculty members at SEBS (and my department) for electing me. The main reason I have become a Senator (as well as a NBFC member) is that I believe in a shared governance. While shared governance is taboo in the corporate world and in many academic institutions, Rutgers Senate is unique because of its composition as well as the active role it plays in the administration of the University. As such, Rutgers Senate is a leader in practicing shared governance among academic institutions and I'm very proud to be a part of it (and I brag it to my colleagues at other academic institutions!).

Robert Boikess, New Brunswick Faculty Member of the Executive Committee

During my 47 years at Rutgers, it has been very exciting for me to have been part of its transformation from a sleepy little place to a major AAU public research university. Student, faculty, and staff governance has played a vital role in our transformation and will continue to play a vital role in our future development. My commitment to participate actively in building a university that truly is a university of its faculty and students and staff is as strong as it ever has been. My commitment to advocating for student, faculty, and staff rights is stronger than ever, because these times require it. Now, more than ever, the struggle for these rights is part of the larger struggle for the rights of all of us to live free of discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or political beliefs.

As a member of the Senate for more than 35 years, as a member of the New Brunswick Faculty Council from its creation, as a member of countless committees whose charges ranged from parking to athletics, even to academics, and as an active leader in collective bargaining, I have learned a great deal. I have learned how things work; I have learned how to get things done; I have learned what matters. Now is a critical time for Rutgers. I ask you for the opportunity to use what I've learned and my experience to work with the leadership to set the agenda that will help us all become the very best we can be.

Martha Cotter, New Brunswick Faculty Member of the Executive Committee

I am running for reelection to the Executive Committee as a passionate believer in shared governance, who has worked, and will continue to work, long, hard, and effectively to strengthen shared governance and make this great university an even better institution. I have been a member of the University Senate for a little over 20 years; I served as Chair for three years a decade ago and much more recently served for two years as Vice Chair. As Vice Chair, I chaired an appeals committee which resolved an appeal from some members of the School of Business, Newark and New Brunswick in a very fair and professional manner and also chaired the ad-hoc committee that worked successfully to get the foundational element on shared governance and academic freedom into the University Strategic Plan.. I have served as a faculty representative to the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees and continue to serve as Co-Chair of ASRAC. I am also a long-time member of the New Brunswick Faculty Council and served as its Chair for a total of three years, including a very recent two-year stint. I have also served as an active member of a large number of New Brunswick-wide and university-wide committees over the years: to name just two examples, I served as a member of the steering committee and Co-Chair of working group on admissions

and recruitment of the Task Force on Undergraduate Education and more recently, I chaired the ad-hoc committee that wrote the current Rutgers Academic Integrity Policy.

In conclusion, I ask for your vote so that I can continue to work long, hard, and effectively as a member of the Executive Committee to strengthen shared governance and make this great university, which I love dearly, an even greater institution.

Candidates for RBHS Faculty Member of the Executive Committee

M. Maral Mouradian, RBHS Faculty Member of the Executive Committee

Dr. Mouradian is a distinguished medical researcher with a history of service to the scientific community and the School. She is the William Dow Lovett Professor of Neurology and Director of the Center for Neurodegenerative and Neuroimmunologic Diseases at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. During the last thirteen years prior to joining RWJMS, Dr. Mouradian directed the Genetic Pharmacology Unit of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke. Dr. Mouradian's current research focuses on the molecular pathogenesis of PD with an emphasis on the mechanisms by which pathogenic gene products cause neurodegeneration and on the identification of disease modifying therapeutic approaches. She has authored over 200 scholarly publications and edited two books on Parkinson disease. Her research is funded by the NIH, the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research and other foundations, and she has been recognized for her innovative research by several awards, including from the American Parkinson Disease Foundation and by an NIH Award of Merit. She has been recognized as an elected member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, a Fellow of the American Neurological Association and a Fellow of the American Academy of Neurology.

She serves on grant review panels for the NIH and other national and international funding agencies, and is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the American Parkinson Disease Association. In addition, she is the Editor-in-Chief of the journal Neurotherapeutics and serves on the editorial boards of several other scientific journals.

Locally, Dr. Mouradian is the Lead Faculty Mentor for Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and serves on the RBHS Faculty Mentoring Committee. She is also a Member of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) Self Study Subcommittee for Rutgers-RWJMS. She has been on the Rutgers Senate for the past two years serving on the Research, and Graduate and Professional Education Committee. In addition, she has served on the RBHS Strategic Planning Working Group on Drug Discovery, Development, and Pharmacoepidemiology, Rutgers University Faculty Focus Group for Research Administration Assessment, and as a member of the Steering Committee of TRIGGER (Teeing up Rutgers Investigators for Gifts, Grants, Engagement, and Results). She has also served on the Rutgers-RWJMS Strategic Recruitment Committee, Awards and Prizes Committee, and several search committees for department chairs and other leadership positions She has been serving on the RU Senate as an At-Large Senator of RBHS, with service on the Research, and Graduate and Professional Education Committee (RGPEC).

James Oleske, RBHS Member of the Executive Committee

Over the last 2 years I have actively participated, served and represented the RBHS Centers, Bureaus and Institutes by attendance at Senate meetings and work on the RGPEC. I believe I have benefited from my participation as an RBHS senator in my personal growth and have gained an appreciation of the importance of the senate in guidance of Rutgers and the new RBHS addition to Rutgers University's growth, specifically through attendance of senate meetings, active participation in committee work and

the informal but important opportunity to interact with the expanded Rutgers faculty meet at senate and subcommittee meetings.

Candidates for New Brunswick Student Member of the Executive Committee

Viktor Krapivin, New Brunswick Student Member of the Executive Committee

I believe I am the best candidate for this position. Since my appointment to the Senate this past December, I have served my constituents proudly and zealously. I have stepped up in the Senate Student Affairs Committee, where I researched and wrote a report on the topic of credit equivalency among the three Rutgers campuses. If elected to the Senate executive committee, I will bring my dedication on the issues to the Senate.

Candidates for Alumnus Member of the Executive Committee

Helen Pirrello, Alumnus Member of the Executive Committee

I have served on the University Senate as a Staff Representative for 4 years and for the past 2 years as an Alumni Representative. With the insight and knowledge gained in representing the RU staff and alumni on the University Senate I would like the opportunity to take that knowledge to the next level and represent the Alumni on the Executive Committee.

Candidates for Part-Time Lecturer Member of the Executive Committee

Gurpreet Singh, Part-Time Lecturer Member of the Executive Committee

By way of introduction, my name is Gurpreet Singh and I am honored and excited to present my nomination to the Executive Committee of our Senate and request your vote at this week's senate meeting and election of Executive Committee members on Friday April 29th.

Rutgers University is very close to my heart and I greatly appreciate the opportunity to add value to my alma mater, I am so passionate about.

My association with Rutgers University is almost 15 years old. I first came to Rutgers Business School (RBS) as a student in 2003 and graduated with an MBA in 2005. I have been teaching for last 6 years in the Department of Supply Chain Management as a PTL. I have served on the RU Senate since last year and have made myself familiar with the process and added value to ASRAC committee. This year, I would like to continue to represent all of you and further add value by joining the Executive Committee. I have also served on the Executive Board of PTL union. I was recently nominated the Treasurer for the PTL Union.

In addition to being a Part-Time Lecturer at Rutgers Business School, I am the head of consulting firm Strategic Supply Chain & Six Sigma Consulting LLC (www.sscsquare.com). In this role, I provide coaching and training in the field of Supply Chain Management, Lean Six Sigma methodologies as well as Change Management to my clients, that includes public agencies and private sector firms.

I have prior experience serving on the executive committees of several other organizations, such as Institute of Supply Management (ISM), where I was the youngest President of the BOD for NJ chapter for 2 years and am currently serving as a Trustee. Further, I hold positions in the Executive Committee of

Quality Management Division of American Society for Quality (ASQ) and am also the Editor of peer reviewed publication ASQ QMF.

I believe in continuous improvement both in personal and professional lives and share this passion with my students, colleagues and clients. I have been very successful as a consultant, coach and a mentor and have received several accolades and awards in my career, most notably the prestigious 2015 ASQ Feigenbaum Medal (given to a young professional “who has displayed outstanding characteristics of leadership, professionalism in the field of quality and whose work has been or will become of distinct benefit to mankind.” <http://www.business.rutgers.edu/news/mba-alumnus-chosen-receive-prestigious-award-american-society-quality>)

In the past, I have been honored with “ISM Education Person of the Year Award” in 2009 and with “Ray Clapton C.P.M. Award” in 2010. I was also honored with “ISM J. Terry Leadership Person of the Year” in 2014.

This is an exciting time for our University and great things are happening. I would like to be part of that positive change and as someone who has worked both, as an executive and has experience in executive coaching, and further has experience serving on several executive boards, I would like to represent you on the Executive Committee of the Senate and work towards betterment of Rutgers University. I see all of us as one big family (Students, PTL, full time faculty, Newark, New Brunswick, Camden, RBHS and so forth).

I hope that you will like my credentials and give me an opportunity to represent you in the Senate’s Executive committee.

Karen Thompson, Part-Time Lecturer Member of the Executive Committee

Teaching as a part-time lecturer in the Writing Program of the English Department New Brunswick for 37 years, with 30 of those years employed by the faculty union, Rutgers AAUP-AFT, has given me enormous experience with the workings of the University. Serving on the University Senate and its Executive Committee as well as the New Brunswick Faculty Council and its Executive Committee for the approximately 10 years that PTLs have been included in those governance bodies has also given me valuable experience and insight. Access to tuition remission, for PTLs, emphasizing academic freedom for PTLs, and incorporating contingent faculty further into university life are among the successful products of my advocacy for PTLs in the Senate. I am also committed to working in the interest of full-time faculty especially concerning increasing lines and resources, and to supporting student and staff issues. Working together we can make Rutgers outstanding for all.

Candidates for Staff Member of the Executive Committee

Adrienne Esposito, Staff Member of the Executive Committee

I am Director for the Office of Information Technology, and am responsible for the University wired and wireless networks, as well as the cable TV network infrastructure, and have served on the University Senate as a member of the University Structure and Governance Committee this past year.

I have over 15 years of experience working within the Rutgers Community. This, coupled with serving on both the Newark and New Brunswick/Piscataway campuses, provides me with broad and extensive perspective of the unique needs of the campuses, while understanding how they benefit from the strength of the University as a whole. This intimate knowledge of the Rutgers Community has poised me to serve the Senate in supporting the current issues confronting Rutgers. I am seeking this position on the

Executive Committee so that I may be even more involved in supporting Rutgers future and the welfare of our faculty, staff and students.

While I am fairly new to the Senate, I have regularly participated and been an active member of the Structure and Governance Committee. I have assisted the Committee in completing Charges S-1403 and S-1410. I have served on other educational boards in leadership positions, and know this has helped prepare me for this opportunity.

I would proudly serve honestly and dutifully to achieve the best for Rutgers University.

Candidates for Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors

Samuel Rabinowitz, Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served in a number of roles through the University Senate for well over the last two decades, currently as a Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors and co-chair of the Student Affairs Committee, and previously as Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees, University Senate Chair and member of the Senate Executive Committee. I have had the opportunity through these experiences to meet and work with many esteemed colleagues within the Senate, around all campuses, and on the Boards of Rutgers University. I wish to continue my contribution by serving as a Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors. It is important to have representation on the various Board committees and I believe that I have been and would continue to be a positive and effective voice in this regard. The many bonds that I have built with members of the entire Rutgers community of stakeholders will aid me in being effective in this role. As just one example, this ongoing relationship allowed me to engage in numerous conversations which were a vital part of keeping our Camden campus part of Rutgers. Thanks for giving me a moment of your busy day (and hopefully your vote as well)!

Candidates for Student Representative to the Board of Governors

Chris Wakim, Student Representative to the Board of Governors

My name is Chris Wakim, I am a current SEBS Student Senator. I am pursuing a double major in Microbiology and Biotechnology with a concentration in Bioinformatics. I am also pursuing a minor in Biochemistry. Research has been the most important thing in my academic journey to date, and I am currently working with two different labs on two different projects. I am not a politician; I am just a normal student who wants to fight for real issues that face our university. I do not have any agendas; my only desire to be the student representative in the BoG is so I can help make Rutgers better.

I think anyone would agree that this position needs a person who has perseverance, and is responsible and reliable on reporting back about what happened during the meetings. A person who is honest enough to be the face that would convey the real issues that we live in order to improve the different aspects of Rutgers. And I see myself in that exact position. I have served as your SEBS student senator for the academic year '15-16. I have also been on the board of the SEBS preMed/preDent for 2 years in which I was elected to be the VP for the upcoming year. I believe that I am a good fit for this position because I am dedicated to making changes in our system no matter how hard or boring the paperwork is.

Having a perfect attendance record has allowed me to lead the investigation of the deregistration of Non-payment of Term Bills (Charge to Charge S-1507) on New Brunswick with Senator Jamkhanawala and I am also currently involved in the Rutgers Smoking Policy (Charge S-1305-2) with Senator Chau. With

all the work that is being done, Rutgers is still far from perfect. There are fundamental issues like the lack of transparency that needs to be addressed on every level and that requires someone who never gets tired of asking all questions, I believe that this person is me.

Being a research and a pre-med student allows me to be exposed to both of these departments on which Rutgers is thriving. And even though they are two of the most important focuses of Rutgers, many tend to look at only the managerial aspect of them, leaving the researches, hospitals and medical school to suffer from the bureaucracy that was due to mergers or to an unfocused perspective on what matters. The list of people who remain unheard is yet to be finished. Being a son of a PTL allows me to experience first-hand the devastation of the powerless and useless efforts of professors who works so hard to provide the best education to their students, not out of desire for money, but out of love of teaching.

For most of us Rutgers is not just a job or a place to student, it is where we spent most of our lives and we as a senate need to have the ability to transport to the BoG these small details that affect each department of this institution on a daily basis. Being from SEBS, a large professional school within the University, will allow me to bring fresh prospective to the next academic years BoG decisions. I am passionate about being involved with the tenacity to get our voices from the different departments of the university heard before important decisions are made and not after the fact.

Edmund Janniger, Student Representative to the Board of Governors

I am currently completing my second term as a Member of the Rutgers University Senate Executive Committee. I am the Co-Convener of the Rutgers University Senate Student Caucus, and serve as an Executive Committee Liaison of the University Structure and Governance Committee. I have the experience and courage to represent you on the Board of Governors.

I have a proven record as a passionate and effective fighter for shared governance. If elected to the Board of Governors, I will fight tirelessly for the students, faculty, and staff of Rutgers University. I believe that the Board of Governors will benefit greatly by hearing the input of the constituencies represented in the University Senate, as the University Senate is the only entity that represents all strata of Rutgers.

I was born and raised in New Jersey. I am a student at the Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration. I am proud to be the President of the Rutgers Council on Public and International Affairs and the Institute of Global Affairs. Both organizations seek to improve understanding of our world by fostering dialogue.

In March I hosted Richard Gordon, a respected figure in national Democratic politics, who spoke about the current election, emphasizing the need for proactive advocacy and bipartisanship. As a part of the same program, I will be bringing former U.S. Senator to campus in a few weeks. I notably hosted Kenneth P. Moritsugu, a former U.S. Surgeon General, and, Robert Krueger, a former U.S. Senator, Congressman, and three-time Ambassador.

Outside of Rutgers, I have been active in public service. I have worked as Advisor to the Minister of National Defense of the Republic of Poland, a Deputy Chief of Staff at the Parliament, and a regional Deputy Campaign Manager. I am honored to volunteer helping female World War II veterans via the World Association of Home Army Soldiers.

I have been a forceful champion of students, while also keeping strong connections with faculty, staff, and alumni. Most recently, together with Justin Schulberg, I participated in creating a charge that was issued to an ad hoc Senate committee on webstreaming and archiving Senate meetings, and continue to tackle the challenges posed by unit restructuring. I would be grateful for your vote.

Candidates for Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

Asha Samant, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

I am an elected Faculty Senator from Rutgers School of Dental Medicine till- 2018 .I was elected to serve On Board of Trustees as Faculty Senator Representative for 2015-16.I have regularly attended and participated in all the meetings of BT, as voice of my colleagues for enhancement of their rights for education in academic as educator and for the students in completing their missions. I also served on Committee on Academic and Student Affairs and Committee on University Relations as faculty Senate Representative to BT. I was a good listener and participated and shared my view when needed. My representation in BT as faculty Senator is for reaching out the voice of my fellow faculty members and Success of THE RUTGERS, which is my home as faculty which I occupied 36 years back. I assure, my continuous active and positive participation in Board of Trustees if my colleagues put their trust in me by Electing again to serve for them as their representative to Board of Trustees.

Robert Schwartz, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

Throughout my 32 years as a Rutgers professor, I have been a fierce advocate for the rights of faculty, students, and staff.

- At the negotiating table for this AAUP Contract, AAUP chapter leader as secretary, advocating for faculty. We now have a contract after 6 years, 2 months, 22 days, 11 hours and 30 minutes without one.
- Stature to stand up to administration leaders and to work with them in a spirit of cooperation, disagreeing at times without being disagreeable.
- Collaborate with and support our librarians for respected status and funding support.
- A strong student advocate. New Jersey's most important investment is our students, which is why we should keep tuition as low as possible. We had no tuition when I was a student.
- Champion of students. Devoted mentor tirelessly working to help students reach their aspirations.
- Record of volunteering to help staff continue their education and advance their careers.

I have held the position before and have the experience and dedication to continue the fight on behalf of students, staff and faculty as your Senate Representative to the Rutgers Board of Trustees. I am the Chapter Secretary of the AAUP, and a longtime member of its Board of Governors. I am presently also the Co-chair of the Rutgers 250 Committee for RBHS. Previously, I was the Faculty President at the Rutgers New Jersey Medical School for two terms and Faculty Secretary for more than ten terms, working vigorously for our Rutgers. I testified before the New Jersey Joint Assembly and Senate Committees in favor of the merger and lobbied legislators too.

I have authored more than 750 articles and book chapters as well as several books, including Skin Cancer: Recognition and Management. I am a faculty member on two Rutgers campuses, which provides me with a unique perspective, with special interest in community health, public affairs, preventive medicine, dermatology, medicine, pathology, and pediatrics.

I am a double alumnus of the University of California Berkeley, earning a bachelor's degree in political science and a Master of Public Health in Medical Administration. After graduating from the New York Medical College, I completed my post-graduate medical education at the University of Cincinnati, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, and Rutgers University.

I believe that our mission is teaching, research, and service to the community. I am proud to be the faculty advisor of the national honor society for medical students, Alpha Omega Alpha, since 2004. I have mentored undergraduate and graduate students for over 3 decades, and am proud to be recognized by students for my mentorship. I have spent 25 years on the Board of Concerned Citizens, and utilized this forum to help staff resolve employment matters. I have also volunteered helping staff continue their education and advance their careers.

My goal is to make a difference for the faculty, students, and staff of Rutgers University. Over my 32-year tenure at Rutgers, many faculty, staff, and students have come to me with concerns and received my assistance with actionable solutions. I humbly seek your support to once again serve as your Senate Representative to the Board of Trustees. Thank you for your consideration.

Menahem Spiegel, Faculty Board of Trustees Representative

I am honored to be considered to continue as a faculty representative to Rutgers' Board of Trustees. I have been a University Senator for eleven years, and have also chaired the Senate's Budget and Finance Committee for the past eight years. In those capacities, I have enjoyed exploring some very interesting issues of fundamental importance to the ways Rutgers operates, and have also had the opportunity to discuss and hear viewpoints from faculty and from all areas represented in the Senate. I believe those experiences, and my 20 years as a faculty member in the Rutgers Business School - Newark and New Brunswick, coupled with my professional background and personal interests, would make me a capable member and a contributor to the work of the Board of Trustees. I hope you will agree, and I ask for your votes. Thank you.

Candidates for Undergraduate Student Representative to the Board of Trustees

Akeen Anaele, Undergraduate Student Representative to the Board of Trustees

Akeen Anaele is a dedicated, hardworking student, representing Rutgers Business School New Brunswick. He is committed to exercising the right of shared governance within Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey on multiple fronts, including representing students on the Board of Trustees. Akeen, has worked with faculty, staff, and students on creating a charge that would recommend serious athletic finance reform. This charge passed with strong support from many senators. It is imperative that students, faculty, and staff work together to bring our unique opinions and beliefs front and center. Only through compromise and collaborative thinking, may we bring institutional eminence to Rutgers. Akeen strongly believes in these morals and their outcomes, which is why the senate should vote him as the next Board of Trustees Student Representative.

Practicing shared governance is challenging because it requires the sharing of power, trust among parties, and shared sacrifice, among other things. Successful shared governance, thus, requires that all parties involved understand each other's needs, compromise, trust each other, and above all, believe and try to achieve a common goal. Rutgers University Senate is a prime example of how we try to do all that! While I'm very proud of our Senate's uniqueness and its achievements over the years, I believe that more could be done, together, to face both current and future challenges and opportunities. If you elect me to the Senate Executive Committee, that's exactly what I'll try to achieve in the upcoming year.