

2017 Election Campaign Statements, Alphabetical by Candidate

Name

Akeen Anaele – Candidate for Student Representative to the Board of Governors

Akeen J. Anaele is currently serving as the Student Representative to the Board of Trustees and has learned so much for his experience. He is ready to take on the task of being the student advocate to the Board of Governors. With the right leadership and determination great things can happen for the entire Rutgers community. Diversity of thought is a main priority Akeen will contribute in dissections. Diversity, especially of thought, is the way to achieve innovation, the savior of humanity.

Robert Boikess – Candidate for New Brunswick Faculty Member of the Executive Committee

During my 48 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.

Natalie Borisovets – Candidate for 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.

Adrienne Esposito – Candidate for Staff Member of the Executive Committee

My name is Adrienne Esposito, and I would be honored to continue to serve on the Executive Committee for Rutgers University Senate.

As Director for Enterprise Infrastructure within the Office of Information Technology, I am responsible for the University wired and wireless networks, as well as the cable TV network infrastructure. I just completed my first term on the University Senate, and will continue to serve on the University Structure and Governance Committee.

With 16 years of experience working within the Rutgers Community, and having served both the Newark and New Brunswick/Piscataway campuses, has provided me with a broad perspective of the unique needs of the campuses for our entire community, while understanding we all benefit from the strength of the University as a whole.

I am a proud Rutgers Alumna and my 3 children are Rutgers students. I have found that having the “parent’s perspective” has changed my viewpoint, and helped me to provide services in a more usable and friendly way. As a direct result, we will soon be updating and simplifying the way we provide wireless services to the Rutgers community.

This intimate knowledge of the Rutgers Community has contributed to my being a valuable member of the University Structure and Governance Committee and the Executive Committee. I have served on other educational boards in leadership positions as well, which has greatly helped me within the University Senate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Peter Gillett – Candidate for Chair

I am asking for your vote as Chair of the University Senate. I have previously served on the *Executive Committee* for seven years, this last year as your 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 last year’s review of the University Budget. For the three years prior to being Chair, I served as the University Senate Parliamentarian. I have been proud and privileged to serve as your Vice Chair and Chair in the past two years, 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 have recently been elected to serve a seventh 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 contributions as Chair, 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 do lack 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. It has been my privilege to serve as your Chair for the last year, during which the Senate did many things I am proud of – for which credit is mostly due to Senators, especially active committee members. I have had some small hand in a statement on “Rutgers – A Safe and Welcoming Environment,” in codifying our parliamentary procedures, and in starting meetings on time! I shall greatly appreciate your vote and look forward to serving you and our institution once more as we work together on our second magnificent 250 years!

Jonathan Gonzalez – Candidate for Graduate Student Representative to the Board of Trustees

I welcome an opportunity to represent the interests of the graduate student population to the Rutgers Board of Trustees, and also the Rutgers community at large. I have been a member of the Rutgers family for many years, and in this time I have forged relationships with many students, faculty, staff, and alumni. If elected, I will pull on these relationships to best represent the interests of community members in the allocation of Rutgers’ resources and investments. There has been a recent push by student populations, asking for universities to divest from various industries seen as socially harmful. I believe it is important to hear community opinions on where Rutgers places its investments, and consider the potential impact such investments will have on the overall Rutgers image. These concerns should be weighed in the financial decision making process, and I will endeavor to ensure they are discussed. I will make sure to bring all viewpoints of the student body before the Board of Trustees so that decisions can be made sensibly and with due consideration to the Rutgers population. I would be honored to be elected to this position and am thankful for the opportunity to run.

Ann Gould – Candidate for New Brunswick Faculty Member of the Executive Committee

I am a sixth-term Senator representing the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences. Since 2002, I have been honored to serve as co-chair of the Faculty and Personnel Affairs Committee, member of the Executive Committee, vice-chair and chair, faculty representative to the Board of Governors, and most recently as immediate past chair. As a member of the Executive Committee, I wish to continue the work and relationships established in my previous roles. These years of service to the Senate have been challenging, professionally satisfying, and ever interesting. As I seek to continue my service, I truly appreciate your consideration and vote.

Michael Kelly – Candidate for RBHS Faculty Member of the Executive Committee

I have been on the Senate for one year and have served on the Research, and Graduate and Professional Education Committee (RGPEC) during that time. Being a part of that committee has helped me appreciate the unique role the Senate plays in bringing together diverse yet overlapping constituencies throughout the University. As the executive committee is the body that shapes the activities of the Senate, it is important that its members broadly represent the diverse communities within their respective units. As a member of the faculty councils for Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and RBHS, I believe I can bring the interests of RBHS to the executive committee. In my role as the associate dean for graduate medical education at RWJMS, I have contact with many of the different schools in RBHS as well as colleagues in the different mission areas, from education to research to clinical care to advocacy. Working with these many groups adds to my knowledge of their issues as well as to my ability to examine with my colleagues the impact of proposed solutions to these challenges. I believe I can represent effectively the varied interests of RBHS on the executive committee and in this small way, help the Senate continue its vital work on behalf of Rutgers.

Viktor Krapivin – Candidate for New Brunswick Student Member of the Executive Committee

I am running for Student Representative to the Senate Executive Committee to continue the work I started last year. As the Senate Executive Committee Representative, I have worked hard to make the voice of students heard in the Senate. As your representative I have not missed a single meeting of the executive committee and have been actively involved in executive committee. This past year, I worked to represent concerns of students by issuing charges to appropriate Senate committees. I have drafted numerous charges that addressed issues such as drug and alcohol policy, vote by mail ballot access in student referendum, encouraging student voter turnout, and much more. I hope to continue to represent you with great zeal in the Senate executive committee next year!

Natasha Marchick – Candidate for Graduate Student Representative to the Board of Trustees

It is an honor to be able to serve our students, and our community, once again, in the capacity of this Senate body. I am running for the Board of Trustees position this upcoming year because I have found my experience on the Senate to be highly rewarding. As a former undergraduate in the Political Science department, I have always had a passion to take part of civic causes in the community. In 2012, I, alongside a few members of the Rutgers Student Union, signed affidavits to the Board of Elections, in efforts to confirm previously rejected provisional ballots during the Presidential election. I later served as Vice Chair on RUSA's University Affairs Committee, where we established a first ever voting seat for student veterans, and also opened up more dialogue with administrators in regards to student mental health. As a Graduate Senator last year, I have worked alongside my committee, in writing up a bill to make performance decisions for faculty less subjective, with regard to weighting in SIRS student survey responses. These are just a few of the various projects I have taken part of, and experience that I have gained at Rutgers thus far. I hope to have your vote of confidence Friday, and I thank you all, as always, for your time.

Jon Oliver – Candidate for Vice Chair

It has been my privilege to serve on the Senate since 2008, co-chair the University Structure and Governance Committee (USGC) since 2009, Executive Committee member from 2013 - 2016 and Senate Parliamentarian from 2016 to the present. I have been honored to serve with so many remarkable Senators on issues of importance to Rutgers. I have authored or co-authored 16 reports as co-chair of the USGC committee impacting all the university. A majority of these reports have been accepted by the President. I have been employed at Rutgers since 1986, now celebrating my 31st year at the university. I have dedicated my professional life to university issues both on and off the Senate during that time. My tenure on the Senate includes a strong focus on shared governance as well as a strong record of working with all the various university constituencies and stakeholders. Our university is a microcosm of our democratic society, an ever striving ideal of how a diverse, thoughtful people learn, teach and discover

new ideas and work together for the good of all. Much work is left to do. The Senate works best when all voices are represented, all views considered, and there is more participation in shared governance. As Vice Chair of the Senate I would devote myself to this process and would work every day to serve the university community. Together we make Rutgers the strong and diverse AAU research institution it is. 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 I am privileged enough to serve as Vice Chair, I will continue to do my best to serve with integrity, hard work and tireless service. I am grateful for your consideration of my candidacy. No matter the outcome of this election I pledge to continue to work with you all to better Rutgers for all our community.

Houshang Parsa – Candidate for Alumnus Member of the Executive Committee

It is an honor to representing the Rutgers University Alumni Association (RUAA) on the University Senate, and I would like to ask for your support to serving on the Executive Committee. I will bring the same high level of commitment and diligence to the Executive Committee that I have invested in my alma mater over the past decades.

My serving on RUAA Board of Directors, plus Board Directors of RAA, as well as chairing/co-chairing of several standing committees, and currently chairing of the RUAA Committee on Inclusion and Diversity have provided me with added leadership skills, experience and knowledge necessary to serving on the Senate Executive Committee, where shared governance through consensus decision-making, serves the best interest of the whole.

I have enthusiastically worked to advancing the best interests and well-being of the University, by focusing on engaging alumni in the life of the institution through communication, and opportunities to participate in programs and events. One such program, which I co-chaired, was the award winning Rutgers Alumni-Students Career Speed Networking. The event attracted hundreds of alumni and students, where alumni connections to Rutgers were strengthened, and students connected with alumni mentors and expanded their network.

As Reunion Chair for my class, I led a campaign to raise funds for scholarships. Through our collective perseverance and efforts, we raised over double the amount of initial goal. Subsequently, I was elected by my classmates to serve as the Class President. I was also inducted into Rutgers Loyal Sons for having made a meaningful and long-standing commitment to the betterment of Rutgers by exemplifying extraordinary alumni service.

My commitment to Rutgers is a reflection of my passion for this great institution. A commitment that is rooted in, and inspired by our Revolutionary Thinking, which can serve as guiding principle to reaching new heights and greatness in the next 250 years.

Thank you for considering my request, and for your support to serving on the Rutgers Senate Executive Committee, where our strength stems from a shared governance.

Anish Patel – Candidate for Student Representative to the Board of Governors

I believe that I am the best candidate to serve our student body as representative to the board of Governors. I view this position as a mouthpiece of the student body, a sounding board for student concerns. I am honored to have served as the current representative and I believe that we've made substantial progress. One of the most important experiences of my college education was the medical amnesty proposal that I worked on with my fellow students to submit to the Board. This policy was passed, which I consider to be not only a personal victory, but a victory for the student body. I humbly ask the nominating committee to consider my experience and the continuity I can bring to this position. I believe that students need to be a central part of the discussion of how to solve our University's problem,

and it will require strong leadership to bring us to the table so that all of our stories are told, and all our voices are heard.

Robert Puhak – Candidate for Senate 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 seven years as a member of the University Structure and Governance Committee (USGC); these past three years as Co-Chair of that committee; and for the past six years as a member of the Senate's Executive Committee. I am also a proud Rutgers Dad, as my daughter is a graduating senior and my son is finishing his freshman year. 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 committed to continuing my current work in the Senate. I would appreciate and humbly ask for your support, your vote for Vice Chair, to serve in that role this coming year, as we all . . . students, staff, alumni, and faculty . . . pull together through shared governance, raising our Rutgers to even greater heights. Thank you.

Samuel Rabinowitz – Candidate 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, member of the Senate Executive Committee, and Chair of the Academic Calendar and Commencement 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 examples, this ongoing relationship allowed me to engage in numerous conversations which were a vital part of keeping our Camden campus part of Rutgers; similarly discuss University Senate

actions which Board members might not be aware of without our interaction. Thanks for giving me a moment of your busy day (and hopefully your vote as well)!

Asha Samant – Candidate for Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

I am dedicated senate member who has regularly attended all the BTS meetings during my elected year. I have participated and communicated when an issue of benefit for my colleagues was addressed in the meetings. I offered positive comments to issues of concern. I supported the student's concerns and stood firm in my support when needed.

I have also served on;

The Rutgers Committee on Academic and Student Affairs The Committee on University Relations.

2. The Rutgers University Senate Committee on Academic Standards, Regulations, and Admissions Committee (ASRAC).

The Rutgers University Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Meeting Web Streaming.

I will continue to represent the faculty, my colleagues and dear students for their academic rights and will be committed to helping Rutgers University attaining Recognition as one of the top University in the nation.

Robert Schwartz – Candidate for Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

I seek your support to return as your Senate representative to the Rutgers Board of Trustees. As you may recall, I have a long record of fighting for and mentoring faculty members, staff, and students. I worked hard to bring the medical schools into the Rutgers family, even testifying before the New Jersey State Joint Senate-Assembly Committee. I endeavored to unite faculty, working to help solve injustices and divisive issues, by serving as Faculty President, Chair of the Faculty Committee on Appointments and Promotions, and Chair of Faculty Affairs. I was at the table last year in the AAUP salary/labor condition negotiations in my role as AAUP Chapter Secretary, a duty I took very seriously. I mentor and work closely with students, and have long served as faculty advisor of the medical student honor society. I had the privilege of co-chairing the Rutgers 250 Committee for RBHS last year.

I am a double alumnus of the University of California Berkeley, four years in political science and a master's degree in medical administration. I have considerable experience as a proven leader, being professor and head of dermatology and professor of preventive medicine and community health, as well as Visiting Professor in the Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration. I am workaholic and have written more than 850 full articles and book chapters, and am a member of multiple editorial boards. I am fortunate to be an honorary member of the national societies of more than 20 countries in my specialty. In 2012 I was able to travel to China, where I received the title of Honorary Professor in an elegant ceremony. I am pleased to have been selected Top Doctor Castle-Connolly Guide to Best Physicians, every year 1997-2017. I have also been involved in NIH Study Section Panels for the past eight years. The second edition of my book on skin cancer was published by Wiley-Blackwell.

Leading our school's chapters of Sigma Xi the Scientific Research Society and Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society has provided me an opportunity to further assist and recognize the accomplishments of students, faculty, and staff. As you have noticed, I have been privileged to fight vigorously in many roles in the defense of our faculty, staff, and students. I humbly seek your support to serve again as your senate representative to the Board of Trustees. Thus, I offer seasoned leadership of stature in these challenging times. I am grateful for your consideration.

Robert Scoloveno – Candidate for Camden Faculty Member of the Executive Committee

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as an elected member of the University Senate representing the School of Nursing-Camden. It is my belief that shared governance is an important component of higher education, and continues to play a major role in Rutgers' future development as a Big Ten

member. I have been a member of the Rutgers family for over 30 years, as a student, employee, and Rutgers parent of a son who is finishing his sophomore year at Mason Gross School of the Arts on the New Brunswick campus. I received my Bachelors, Masters, and PhD degrees from Rutgers and have had the unique pleasure of teaching on the Newark and New Brunswick campuses as part of the College of Nursing, and now at the Camden campus as a faculty member of the School of Nursing-Camden. I am proud to have had major input in planning the new Nursing and Science building opening in May of this year in Camden. This building will be an important part of the new Camden healthcare corridor. I have been an active member of the senate and currently serve on the Instruction, Curricula & Advising Committee. While relatively new to the Senate, I believe that I can be a vital member of the Executive Committee, and if elected, I will serve the committee faithfully. Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy, and if elected, it will be my privilege and honor to serve.

Julieline Serrano – Candidate for Undergraduate Student Representative to the Board of Trustees

My name is Julieline Serrano and I currently represent the School of Arts and Sciences - New Brunswick in the Senate. This past year, I also served as RUSA Senate Leader, organizing and ensuring that our Student Senators attended their required meetings. I also proposed a charge to the Senate this year and it was charged to the Student Affairs Committee. I have also been a major contributor to RUSA's Sustainability Task Force where we passed a Foam-Free and Zero Waste initiatives. Overall, I am a passionate, dedicated, and hardworking Student Leader and I urge you to vote for me as the Board of Trustees student representative. My experience working with legislators and advocating for students have set me on a path for success.

Alexander Settles – Candidate for Newark Faculty Member of the Executive Committee

I am asking for your vote as a member of the University Senate Executive Committee. I have served as a University Senator representing the Rutgers Business School – Newark and New Brunswick since 2014. In 2016 I became co-chair of the Faculty and Personnel Affairs Committee. I have decided to run for the Executive Committee so that I can represent the needs of the Newark Campus and all of Rutgers and to assist in the continuation of shared governance at Rutgers. I plan to continue as the co-chair of Faculty and Personnel Affairs Committee and if I am elected to Executive Committee I will be able to represent the work of the committee to the leadership of the Senate.

I hope to be able to contribute to the shared governance of the university through my participation in the University Senate. I feel privileged to be a part of Rutgers and the University Senate and I would appreciate your vote and the opportunity to serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

Menahem Spiegel – Candidate for 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 12 years, and have also chaired the Senate's Budget and Finance Committee for the past nine 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 21 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.

Karen Thompson – Candidate for Part-Time Lecturer Member of the Executive Committee

Teaching as a part-time lecturer in the Writing Program of the English Department at Rutgers University since 1979 and being active in the AAUP-AFT most of that time, has given me broad familiarity with the workings of the University and loads of experience helping to solve all sorts of problems. Organizing PTLs into a union and helping to negotiate many rounds of collective bargaining agreements for PTLs,

has given me particular expertise advocating for PTLs. I currently serve as the representative to the University Senate Executive Committee for PTLs, as Senator for New Brunswick PTLs, as representative to the New Brunswick Faculty Council for PTLs, as representative to the NBFC Executive Committee, and on the Rutgers AAUP-AFT PTL Executive Board. I have also served on national committees of the AAUP, MLA, CCCC. Access to tuition remission and academic freedom for PTLs are among the successes for PTLs that have been achieved in the Senate during my terms. I look forward to further advances professionalizing PTLs that we initiated this year in the Senate.

Michael Van Stine – Candidate for Camden Student Member of the Executive Committee

I humbly request your support to serve as Camden Student Member of the Executive Committee. I am the current incumbent for this position. I am currently a student in the Camden Graduate Department of Public Policy and Administration seeking a MPA with dual concentration in both Public Management and Community Development. I have taken a few courses at the Ph.D level and maintain a 4.0 GPA. I started my academic career at Albright College as a pre-medical student.

I have been a member of the University Senate since 2014. I first served as a Senator for the Camden School of Arts and Sciences and was then a member of the Senate Faculty and Personnel Affairs Committee. After becoming a graduate student, I changed my committee assignment to the Research and Graduate and Professional Education Committee. At Rutgers Camden, I am also both a member of the Camden Graduate Advisory Council and a member on our campus Board of Directors.

I have taken my role on our Executive Committee seriously, carefully considering each and every charge that we have developed for all committees, proposing charges where I felt they were needed and being actively involved in all debate and procedural matters. It is my opinion that effective service on the Executive Committee is more an art than a science. There are many protocols one needs to learn surrounding the Committee's business to be effective as a member. It also takes long hours and those of us who serve from Camden also have to make the long drive once a month to do the work in addition to regular Senate commitments and travel for those meetings. So, Senate service from Camden requires a level of dedication and caring about the issues of our University and our campus that can only be properly addressed in the Senate through dedicated commitment. This past year I attended every meeting with only one excused absence.

I look forward to the continued support of my Senate colleagues in continuing to grow and actively contribute on the Executive Committee on behalf of our University and for our Camden Campus in the coming year.