CAS Faculty Advisor Committee Nominations
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Name	Ranking	Dept	Statement of Interest
Jennifer Augustine	Associate Professor	SOCY	I have been a member of the faculty at USC for 10 years. During this time, I have served on numerous committees that advocated for the welfare of faculty, including the Child Care Committee and the CAS Budget Committee. I have also served on CAS committees devoted to supporting faculty teaching and research, including the Academic Planning and Curriculum Group and Council for Research Excellence. I believe that faculty participation in governance is critical to faculty welfare. I would be happy to serve on the Faculty Advisory Committee to promote faculty involvement in college decision making processes.
Subrahmanyam Bulusu	Professor	SEOE	I am a tenured full professor in the SEOE. In the past 19 years, I serve on (or have served on) many committees in the university: Tenure Review Board (Chair, 2024-present), Faculty Advisory Committee (2013-2016; 2021-2024), Faculty Grievance Committee (2019-2022), Faculty Welfare Committee (2016-2019, Chair 2017-2018), University Committee on Tenure and Promotion (2016-2019), Co-Chair, Information Technology Ad hoc Committee (2015), Scholastic Standards and Petition (2010-2013), University Libraries (2010-2013), Graduate Council (2010-2013, 2021-2024), USC Campus Director for the NASA/South Carolina Space Grant Consortium (2012-2017).
Jean Ellis	Professor	GEOG	Professor of Geography, and at USC since 2009, Jean Taylor Ellis is a strong advocate for faculty governance and transparency, especially between faculty and administration. They have held leadership roles, including Interim Associate Dean of The Graduate School and Chair of several university committees such as UCTP, Budget Committee, and Professional Conduct Committee. They also served as Chair of the American Association of Geographers' Coastal and Marine Specialty Group and as a science advisor to the Department of Homeland Security and South Carolina state agencies.
Mindy Fenske	Associate Professor	ENGL	This committee is crucial to shared governance in the College. It requires people invested in shared governance with experience in creating and cultivating relationships across disciplines. It also requires people with experience with administrative tasks, communication, and organization. In my 23 years at USC, I have served as the Director of the Speech Communication Program, as a Faculty Senator, as a member of the Faculty Advisory Council of the Faculty Senate, as the Vice-president of the USC Columbia chapter of the AAUP, as a Executive Board Member of the National Communication Association among various other committee roles. I would be honored to serve on FAC.
Leslie Lovelace	Senior Instructor	CHEM	As a dedicated member of our academic community, I am committed to supporting our shared goals of enhancing the quality of teaching, fostering a collaborative environment, and advocating for the needs and concerns of our faculty. I have gained invaluable experience through various university, college and department roles which have allowed me to develop a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing our faculty. It is essential to listen carefully to the diverse perspectives of our faculty, to advocate for transparent decision-making processes, and to ensure that our voices are heard in the broader governance structure of the institution.
Kelan (Lilly) Lu	Associate Professor	POLI	My name is Kelan (Lilly) Lu. I am an associate professor at the Department of Political Science in the University of South Carolina. I am writing to nominate myself to the college's Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC). I am interested in serving our college and facilitating the communications between the faculty and the college administration. At my home unit, I have worked diligently at our department chair's advisory committee and participated in the collective decision-making processes for recruiting, research resource (such as research conference participation) distributions, evaluations of faculty performances, etc. I hope to contribute to our college.

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Nina Moreno	Professor	LLC	I followed the development of the new CAS Bylaws with great interest and was particularly pleased with how they provide opportunities for both tenure-track and professional track faculty to engage meaningfully in governance. I would be privileged to contribute to the important work of shaping and supporting the additional committees on scholarship, undergraduate studies, graduate studies, strategic engagement, and the CAS budget, as we collectively work to strengthen and advance the mission of the college.
Michael Stoeltzner	Professor	PHIL	Based on my previous experience with interdisciplinary and international research projects at the crossroads of philosophy and physics, I want to advocate for interdisciplinary collaborations within our diverse college and seize on the opportunities provided by a large number of international faculty and graduate students. I believe that both are important assets in our times dominated by the debates about artificial intelligence and the broader challenges of the legitimacy of science. I have been at USC since 2008 and served in various functions, among them Chair of the University Committee on Tenure and Promotions and the Faculty Appellate Panel.
Joshua Tebbs	Professor	STAT	I am excited to be considered for this committee assignment because, above all, it would be a great way to serve the College. I have already served in the most important roles for my department (UG Dir, Grad Dir, Chair) and the university (Chair of both UCTP and Faculty Grievance). In taking on these important assignments, I have learned to appreciate how precious the faculty governance structure is and how important it is to be involved. I would welcome the opportunity to serve in this advisory role and to provide possibly different points of view on how the College might move forward.
Adela Vraciu	Professor	MATH	I am a Full Professor in the Department of Mathematics, and I have been at USC since 2003. I am interested in faculty governance, and I believe that collaboration and communication with the leadership of the College and representatives of other units are essential for each unit in the College to function successfully. In addition to serving on many departmental and university committees, I have served in a leadership position as Assistant Chair of the Department during 2017-2021, and also in the current semester. In this role, I broadly oversee the instructional mission of the Department and interact with units across campus in matters related to curricular issues and course offerings.
Carolyn Wessinger	Assistant Professor	BIOL	I would be happy to serve on the Faculty Advisory Committee. This experience will enhance my understanding of policies and procedures at the College level. I look forward to contributing towards advising the Dean on directions and initiatives, planning the future success of the College, and details of programs implemented by the College. In my position in the Biological Sciences department, I value excellence in research, teaching, and efforts to improve inclusion and belonging, and will bring this perspective to the Committee.
Tanya Wideman-Davis	Associate Professor	AFAM	I'm interested in serving on the CAS Faculty Advisory Committee because, as an Associate Professor in the Department of Theatre and Dance, I have had limited experience serving on committees outside of my home department. In January 2025, I will switch home departments to The Department of African American Studies, and the FAC committee will provide an opportunity for me to learn more about the CAS governance practices and functionality. The relevant experience I bring to the committee is I have served on several national arts advocacy committees, I have served on national granting panels, and I am Co-director of a not-for-profit dance organization.