

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 15, 2023

Members present: Drs. Jennifer Bartlett, Martha Grady, Jennifer Hunt, Amy Laub-Carroll, Dr. Daniel Kirchner, Merlin Lindemann, Joseph Sottile, and Christopher Swartz

Member absent: None

Visitors present: None

The meeting was held via Zoom and began at 09:00 AM. The agenda included (1) the selection of four nominees for the Academic Area Advisory Committee for Humanities and Arts and (2) the selection of five nominees for the College of Communication and Information dean search committee.

### **(1) Selection of four nominees for the Academic Area Advisory Committee for Humanities and Arts**

Senate Nominating Committee members identified 15 potential nominees prior to the meeting to be considered for the Area Committee. During the meeting, members briefly discussed the background and qualifications of the potential nominees they identified.

Following the discussion, the following nominees were selected:

#### 1. Patrick Lucas, Professor, Director of International Programs, School of Interiors, College of Design

Patrick Lee Lucas leads seminars, teaches lecture courses, and facilitates studio interactions by engaging in community conversations and encouraging students to think about the place of design in the world. He has presented around the world and published extensively on his research agenda about design and community, including a catalog titled *Close to Home: Edward Loewenstein's Mid-Century Architectural Innovation in the Civil Rights Era* (2013) and a book, *Athens on the Frontier: Grecian-Style Architecture in the Great Valley of the West, 1820-1860* (2022). He has held several leadership positions at the University of Kentucky (Provost's Faculty Fellow in Student and Academic Life; SACSCOC Re-Accreditation Work Group; Chair, University of Kentucky Core Education Committee; Chair, Education Abroad Committee).

#### 2. Ruth Bryan, Librarian I, Libraries

Ruth Bryan has served as a professional archivist for over 20 years and participates with departments and units across campus in the areas of University archives, collection acquisitions, donor relations, instructions, and outreach activities. She works regularly with students, faculty, administration, alumni, and allied university organizations. She has served in several administrative roles in her college and professional organizations and several of those in Libraries have mentioned their opinion that she is consistently well organized, insightful, meticulous, and fair in her approach to discussions involving regulations and best practices.

#### 3. Garry Bibbs, Professor, School of Art and Visual Studies, College of Fine Arts

Garry R. Bibbs is a professor with expertise in sculpture and printmaking and is head of the Sculpture Area in the Art Studio area. He has taught and created art at UK for the last 31 years. He earned an MFA from the University of Kentucky and received a Ford Postdoctoral Fellowship to study art at the Chicago Art Institute. His community and regional exhibitions and outreach are extensive, including the Hertz Gallery, Louisville, KY, the Louisville City Fire Department, and Living Arts and Science Center in Lexington, Kentucky. Prof. Bibbs is a member of the Pew Civic Entrepreneur Initiative, a coalition group in Lexington whose goal is to confront and solve issues relevant to the community on race relations and leadership.

#### 4. Gerald Smith, Professor, History, College of Arts and Sciences

Gerald L. Smith is a native of Lexington, Kentucky. He earned his B.A, M.A., and Ph. D degrees from the University of Kentucky in history. From 1997-2005, he served as the director of the African American

Studies and Research Program at UK. Dr. Smith is the author, editor, or co-editor of five books. His most recent is an edited collection of path breaking essays titled: *Slavery and Freedom in the Bluegrass State: Revisiting My Old Kentucky Home*. The book received the 2023 University Press Publication Award from the Kentucky Historical Society. Over the years, Professor Smith has served on many different boards and committees. He is the former Chair of the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission. He currently serves on the Kentucky Historical Society Foundation Board, the Mary Todd Lincoln House Board of Directors, and as an advisory member of the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage. In June 2020, he was appointed by the mayor of Lexington to serve as Co-chair of the Commission for Racial Justice and Equality in Fayette County. The Commission's final report was formally submitted on October 23, 2020. In addition to being a pastor and professor, he hosts a radio series on "Racial Justice and Equality" on the Eastern Standard, WEKU.org 88.9 FM (NPR for Central and Eastern Kentucky).

## **(2) Selection of five nominees for the College of Communication and Information dean search committee**

The SNC members identified 12 potential nominees before the meeting to be considered for the College of Communication and Information dean search committee. During the meeting, members briefly discussed the background and qualifications of the potential nominees they identified.

Following the discussion, the following nominees were selected:

### 1. Stacey Greenwell, Librarian I, Libraries

Dr. Greenwell is the Coordinator of Educational Services and an instructional designer at the University of Kentucky Libraries. She has held a variety of roles there, including Associate Dean and Director of the Information Commons. In her current role, Dr. Greenwell creates online instructional materials to help undergraduates develop information literacy skills and is a liaison to the School of Information Science and the Lewis Honors College. She is also a graduate of UK's information science program.

### 2. Kishonna Gray, Associate Professor, primary appointment in Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies, College of Arts and Sciences (also Gender and Women's Studies; African American and Africana Studies)

Dr. Gray is the Director of Undergraduate Studies and Director of the Faculty Learning Committee on eSports and Gaming. Her research focus includes identity, performance and online environments, embodied deviance, cultural production, video games, and Black Cyberfeminism. Her experience should be a good fit given several communication and information programs including media arts and studies, information technology, and video game design.

### 3. Annelise Russell, Assistant Professor (2018), Martin School of Public Policy.

Dr. Russell's research interests include questions about how policymakers communicate their agendas and the role of the media, particularly social media, in the political process. Much of her research is on congressional decision-making and communication, including an active research agenda in the intersection of social media and political institutions. Dr. Russell publishes research across political science, public policy and communication, including in *American Politics Research and Policy Studies Journal*. Much of her interest in political communication stems from her work as a journalist working for the *National Journal*, *Congressional Quarterly*, and the *San Francisco Chronicle*. Author of book: *Tweeting is Leading: How Senators Communicate and Represent in the Age of Social Media*. Oxford University Press: New York

Dr. Russell received a PhD in Government from the University of Texas at Austin, and she also holds bachelor's degrees in political science and journalism from the University of Oklahoma.

4. Tina Brooks, Librarian II, Rosenberg College of Law

Tina Brooks joined the UK Law Library faculty in July 2011 as the Electronic Services Librarian. Prior to holding this position, Professor Brooks studied history and Spanish at the University of Northern Iowa, one semester of which was spent abroad at the University of Oviedo in Spain. The summer following her first year at the University of Nebraska College of Law, she studied international law abroad at the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. During her last two years of law school, she worked in a student position at the Schmid Law Library and discovered her calling for law librarianship. She then obtained her Master of Science in Information Science at the University of Texas's School of Information while working in the circulation department at the Tarlton Law Library. She began her current position at UK directly after finishing her Master of Science program in 2011. Information Studies, Master of Science, University of Texas at Austin, 2011, Juris Doctor, University Of Nebraska At Lincoln, 2009.

5. Lauren Cagle, Associate Professor, Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies, College of Arts and Sciences

Lauren E. Cagle is an Associate Professor of Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies and Affiliate Faculty in the Environmental Studies major. She teaches courses on environmental rhetoric, technical communication, and communication in the natural and social sciences. Her research focuses on climate change communication, technical communication, disability studies, feminist theory, and ethics. She is especially interested in debates about climate change by non-technical stakeholders in the public sphere. Cagle's work has been published in *Technical Communication Quarterly*, the *Journal of Technical Writing and Communication*, *Rhetoric Review*, and *Computers & Composition*.

The committee adjourned at 11:02 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Dr. Joseph Sottile, Chair