

## **ACTIVITIES OF FACULTY SENATE: 2019-2020**

Amended UMKC Faculty bylaws: approved 2-6-2020

Amended UMKC Faculty Senate Standard Operating Procedures.

Worked toward enabling Senate to be a more deliberative body. We changed the room-layout and opened the floor to more discussion. We also control the number of presentations given to Senate, making clear why presentations are being made. In particular, we ask if the presenter needs Senate action of some kind. Otherwise, we'll take a PowerPoint, review it, and do a session as a Q&A if needed.

Have done a lot of work with MComm staff to clean up the Faculty Senate website, but this is a work-in-progress because it needs a complete rebuild.

Major to-do (which was going to be the Spring project) is to repopulate Faculty Senate committees. The SOP has changed the way in which committees are populated, and we hope to maybe be able to address committees once we complete the election.

Finally: Please step up for University-wide Service, including Senate positions. And please Vote!

## **CANDIDATE PROFILES: Campus-wide election**

### **1) CHAIR-ELECT:**

#### **Vivian Grieco**

Viviana Grieco – Associate Professor of History and Latin American and Latinx Studies. She has served as senator for the College of Arts and Sciences and as UMKC's representative to the Inter-Campus Faculty Council, in addition to several campus and system-wide committees. Her experience in faculty governance made her aware of the importance of sustaining a fluid and transparent communication between faculty and the administration. She knows that serving in the Faculty Senate Executive Committee requires a significant time commitment. But, also believes that those who have already served in that capacity can transition to these positions with relative ease. She is an active researcher and enjoys teaching Latin American History from a multidisciplinary perspective. When she is not working, she enjoys running, boxing, cooking and spoiling her dog and family.

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### **2) IFC REPRESENTATIVE:**

#### **Jamila Jefferson-Jones**

Jamila Jefferson-Jones is an Associate Professor in the School of Law where she teaches courses in Property, Real Estate Transactions, Fair Housing, Entrepreneurial Urban Development, and Professional

Responsibility. In addition to her appointment in the School of Law, Professor Jefferson-Jones serves as the Interim Director of the Black Studies Program in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Professor Jefferson-Jones is active in campus-wide leadership. She has served on the Faculty Senate since 2018 and has served on both the Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE) Faculty Survey Steering Team and Faculty Life Workgroup. She is currently the co-chair of the UMKC Promotion and Tenure Task Force.

Professor Jefferson-Jones' academic career has been marked by a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. She currently serves as a member of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Standing Committee on Recruitment and Retention of Minority Law Teachers and Students. She also chairs the UMKC Law School Empowerment and Inclusion Committee and is Ex-Officio Member of the UMKC Law Diverse Alumni Network, 2019-2020. She has also served as faculty advisor to the Black Law Students Association.

Her scholarship reflects her intellectual interest in theories of property and ownership as well as in property and wealth attainment by communities and groups on the margins of society. One of the strands of her recent work focuses on the intersection of property and criminal justice theory. The other major strand of Professor Jefferson-Jones's scholarship focuses on the sharing economy. She has written a number of law review articles and book chapters on the sharing economy and is a recognized expert on the housing segment of the sharing economy, particularly on discrimination in that sector. She also served as the founding Vice Chair of the American Bar Association Section of State and Local Government Law Sharing Economy Committee. In line with her interest in property rights on the margins of society, she has begun to use critical race methodologies to interrogate the ways in which white people seek to exclude black people from public and private spaces, including whites' use of or threat of police action to enforce both the racial segregation of space and notions of white supremacy.

Professor Jefferson-Jones is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Harvard College. Prior to entering academia a decade ago, she practiced law for over a decade at firms in the District of Columbia and in her home town of New Orleans.

## **K. Scott Baker**

Scott Baker is Associate Professor of German in the Foreign Languages Department at UMKC. His research focuses on drama, theater history and performance theory in the German-speaking countries between the mid-18<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. His most recent publications include a co-authored article on collaboration in the forthcoming issue of *Feminist German Studies* and a book chapter on the German theater director Peter Stein for Felicia Londré's edited volume on *The Great Stage Directors*. He serves on the AP German Test Development Committee and heads the nascent Theater and Performance Network for the German Studies Association. He has been the Secretary/Treasurer of the Missouri Conference of the AAUP for the last 5 years and was the Chair of the Foreign Languages Department from 2012-2019.

As a member of the Executive Committee of the Missouri Conference of the AAUP I have seen the benefits of cross-campus and cross-institutional committee work. MOAAUP hears reports from campuses across the state and uses AAUP guiding principles to help faculty engage with their administration on issues of tenure, academic freedom, and shared governance. I see the IFC as an analogous agency, interfacing between UM System and the issues specific to UMKC as well as those that are relevant to the four campuses. I would like to reconnect our Senate executive with the Missouri Association of Faculty Senates (MAFS) as a support for the information gathering and advocacy that the IFC is responsible for. As a former Senator (2010-2012) I believe that I can step into the role of IFC representative and immediately work for our Senate and faculty in the larger Missouri and UM contexts.