

Below is the list of candidates (in alphabetical order by last name), with any accompanying statements, for the 2024 Senate Election:

BORK, Poling

**Department of Computer Science
Faculty of Math & Science**

I returned to Brock University in 1999 as a part-time student who worked full-time while running a small business and raising my three children. Since then, Brock changed my life as I finished my undergraduate, then master's, then Ph.D. studies; plus I became a full-time Brock employee. So, I would always try my best to give back to Brock to the best of my abilities. One way for me to give back was to serve the Senate. I was elected as a Senator and served six years in various committees including Governance and the vice-Chair of IT&I.

When I heard the Faculty of Math and Science desperately needing more representation, I decided to run again. I believe Brock Senate may benefit from someone with my background: a student who graduated three degrees in two disciplines then went on to conducting research as well as obtaining teaching awards. I believe I have much to offer, and I'm committed to helping Brock continue to improve student experience, research, and teaching. Thank you for considering to vote for me.

BRALEY-RATTAI, Alison

**Department of Labour Studies
Faculty of Social Sciences**

I have been an active member of Senate for the past three years. In that time, I have also served on Senate's Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee and its Governance Committee. The institutional knowledge that I garnered through my work on Senate, alongside my current role as a member of the BUFA executive, position me well to participate critically but thoughtfully in Senate's deliberations about matters related to the integral work of setting academic policy. In particular, I look forward to the possibility of harnessing my expertise and experience in law and policy, and my willingness to work collaboratively but diligently through Senate's committee structure, to help ensure the development of sound policy that respects the integral role of Senators as part of our shared collegial governance, and to do my part to aid Senate in discharging its many responsibilities ethically and with due consideration.

BURK, Amanda

**Department of Visual Arts
Faculty of Humanities**

I began my position at Brock University in 2022, but I come to you with previous Senate and university service experience. At my previous institution, I served ten years on Senate, along with various Senate Committees (Teaching and Learning, By-Laws & Elections,

Academic Regulations & Curriculum, University Planning & Priorities, Senate Executive, Budgetary Advisory Committee, among others). I also served my colleagues as VP, President, and Past President of my Faculty Association, as well as sitting on joint and special committees. Since arriving at Brock, I have been an active member of UPC (two years), and I have been a member of the Trauma Informed Practices Committee.

I understand the importance of being active in the work of the university and engaging in the work of Senate. Faculty voice is integral to the work of Senate and all its committees, and while I am still learning about Brock and the nuances of specific policies and procedures, I hope I can bring new eyes and voice to representing the best interests of the academic side of the house. I appreciate your consideration.

CARTER, Michael

**Department of Classics and Archaeology
Faculty of Humanities**

What matters at the university revolves around the core triad: Research/Creative Activity - Teaching - Learning. Everything that happens here is important only to the degree to which it supports that fundamental nexus. Research and committed pedagogy are at the foundation of university-level teaching, but our students are what it is all about. I think that we ought to be aiming to make the four years of our students' undergraduate careers the best four years of their lives. I would intend to be an active proponent to maintain a diversity of programming and offerings, not only for our students' experiences but also for the faculty members who are teaching and researching in these various programmes. I have served on Senate before, but now over 15 years ago. In the years since, I have stayed actively involved in university service and have relevant experience: I have been Chair of my department and served in the Faculty of Humanities as Acting Associate Dean (Undergraduate Student Affairs and Curriculum) for six months and then as Associate Dean (Research and Graduate Studies) for a full three-year term. Senators play an essential role in university governance, and I believe that I can help.

DUNCAN, Dustin

**Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Math & Science**

I am currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry within the Faculty of Mathematics and Science. As a faculty member sitting on the Senate, I aim to serve my community, meet and work with colleagues in other Faculties that I would not normally encounter, and provide a voice for the Faculty of Mathematics and Science and the Department of Chemistry on academic matters in addition to understanding the functioning of the University.

EL-HOSS, Tamara**Department of Modern Languages, Literatures & Cultures****Faculty of Humanities**

I've served on Senate for over six years, and have chaired/vice-chaired various Senate sub-committees. I took a break from Senate and its sub-committees for a few years to allow other colleagues to serve, if they so wished. At present, I'm quite concerned about the future of our academic programs and the direction our university seems to be taking, the reason I've decided to return to Senate service. I strongly believe in accountability. If elected, I'll be a vigilant and vocal senator, ready to represent my colleagues on the Senate floor and its sub-committees.

FALK, Bareket**Department of Kinesiology****Faculty of Applied Health Sciences**

I have been at Brock University for the past 19 years. I have benefitted from and enjoyed tremendous support from my colleagues within my department, my Faculty, as well as from other Faculties. I have also been fortunate to receive great support from administrative leaders within and outside my Faculty. This support has been in research and in teaching. I have previously served on Senate and sat on various committees (e.g., Graduate Studies committee, Infrastructure and Technology committee). Through this service I have learned a lot. I feel that serving on Senate is giving back to the Brock Community and as a (somewhat) experienced senator, I feel I can now better serve the Brock Community. I have performed numerous leadership and service-related roles within my department, Faculty and University, as well as outside the university. Prior to joining Brock University, I held leadership roles in academic and non-academic institutions outside of Canada. I hope I can draw on that experience during my service on Senate.

HAJNA, Samantha**Department of Health Sciences****Faculty of Applied Health Sciences**

As a relatively new junior faculty member in the Department of Health Sciences, it has been a privilege to be able to serve a one-year term on Senate (as part of the 2023 Senate By-Election) so early on in my career at Brock. A one-year term, however, is a short period of time to make significant contributions and I would love to have the opportunity to continue serving on Senate for a three-year term. I have a particular interest in helping with strategic planning as it pertains to bolstering our international research profile. I am a proud Brock alumna (BSc '08, MSc '10) and after many years abroad and serving in governing academic bodies in Canada and in the UK, I have come to appreciate the importance of Senate in shaping institutional plans and policies. It would be an honour to continue serving alongside individuals from across the University in addressing current university-wide affairs in 2024 and beyond.

LAWRANCE, Kelli-an**Department of Health Sciences****Faculty of Applied Health Sciences**

I have been a Senator for 3 years. I am Vice Chair of the Undergraduate Program Committee (UPC), and a member of three other committees: Planning, Priorities and Budget Advisory Committee, the Non-Credit Advisory Committee, and the Academic Leaves Committee. I attend designated Senate Governance Committee meetings. I serve as one of the Senate faculty members on the search committee for the Dean, Education. A review of my record shows I participate actively in all Senate committee and sub-committee meetings.

With 25 years of service to Brock University (Department of Health Sciences), I have witnessed tremendous changes at our institution, mostly good. Three years ago, I ran for Senate because I wanted to champion forward-looking initiatives that continued to drive Brock's research excellence, enrich and decolonize our academic programming, and engender a diverse, equitable, inclusive environment for all. I'm standing for re-election with the same commitment to the well-being of Brock University, its students and staff, and my colleagues.

LEBLANC, Paul**Department of Health Sciences****Faculty of Applied Health Sciences**

In my 19 years at Brock, I have been involved in various levels of administration at the Departmental, Faculty, and University level. I've served as a member of the Pre-Design and Design Development Advisory Committee for the Cairns Complex (2009-2012), Director for the Center for Bone and Muscle Health (2014-2017), Chair of the Center Directors of Applied Health Sciences Committee (2014-2017), Member of the Animal Care Committee (2019-2023), and Chair of the Department of Health Sciences (2020-2023). I also had the privilege to sit as a member of the Senate Research & Scholarship Policy Committee (2017-2019).

I would like to extend my service contributions to Brock with hopes of being elected to Senate. In this capacity, I can help Brock fulfill the strategic priorities related to the university experience, research capacity, community outreach, and, most important to me, reconciliation and decolonization.

LOCKWOOD, Kelly**Department of Kinesiology****Faculty of Applied Health Sciences**

It would be a pleasure to have the opportunity to serve on Brock University Senate 2024, if elected. I believe my previous experiences position me well as detailed below. I am an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences and have served on Senate for a

three-year term (2009-2012) and more recently, a one-year term (2019-2020). Over the years I have served on a number of Senate Committees, including: Information Technology & Infrastructure (2009-2010), Teaching and Learning (Vice Chair 2011-2012, Budget Advisory (2012-2014), Research & Scholarship (Vice Chair 2012-2014), and Undergraduate Program Committee (2015-2017). In addition, I have been a member of the Governance Committee of Senate for three terms (2012-2014; 2019-2020 and 2023-2025) and a member of Brock University's Board of Trustees (2013-2016). Committee membership associated with the Board of Trustees included: Capital Infrastructure (2013-2015), Strategic Planning (2013-2014) and Executive Committee (2015-2016). I have also been privileged to be an Advisory Committee member for the following searches: Dean, Education (2009), Vice Provost & Associate Vice-President-Academic (2017-2018), and Provost & Vice President-Academic (2019-2020 and 2023-24). In summary, I value institutional engagement and welcome the opportunity to continue to serve as a Senator. Thank you for your time and consideration.

MALLECK, Dan

Department of Health Sciences

Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

I am currently the Chair of the Department of Health Sciences and the Director of the Centre for Canadian Studies in the Faculty of Humanities. I have served on Senate and its various committees for about 15 years. I am currently serving as both the Vice Chair of the Undergraduate Student Affairs committee and one of the Faculty Senate representatives for the Board of Trustees. Both of these appointments go until July, 2025. My re-election to Senate would permit me to continue to serve in these important roles. Thank you for your support.

METALLINOS, Costa

Department of Chemistry

Faculty of Math & Science

In 21 years at Brock I have seen this university transition from predominantly undergraduate to comprehensive status. The Chemistry Department was at the forefront of this transition, with an active MSc program dating back to almost the inception of the university. The Chemistry and Biology Departments initiated the first PhD program in Biotechnology and were accredited with their own PhD programs around 2006. When I began my faculty career in 2003, it was in an atmosphere of growth and positivity for the expansion of research capacity in the experimental sciences. In the same time-frame I have held NSERC funding continuously, served as Chemistry Chair (2011-2014), was awarded the FMS Excellence in Teaching Award, and addressed FMS graduates at Convocation (2022). As a senator I want to ensure that the academic needs and methods of FMS are heard, appreciated, and provided for, despite the challenging fiscal environment. Failing to do so will harm the research capacity and reputation of the university in the long run.

PILATO, Kelly**Department of Health Sciences****Faculty of Applied Health Sciences**

Thank you for considering my nomination to serve on Senate. I am an Assistant Professor (ILTA) in the Department of Health Sciences and am so grateful to be part of the Brock community. My research focuses on mental health services in higher education and reflects my strong commitment to equity and diversity. I am currently evaluating the implementation of system-wide, mental health policies and initiatives aimed at improving student health and wellness. My previous research includes a study of policy process and impact of a fall break. Results of that study influenced policies and practices of a variety of different knowledge users including Brock University's Senate and Registrar's Office, as well as the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, the Ontario Committee on Student Affairs, and the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC). I have worked for Brock's CPI and taught in different capacities for various departments. I understand the teaching and learning landscape and have a well-developed understanding of large institutional processes and the intricacies of decision making in higher education that, I hope, has provided me with experience I can draw from if I have the privilege of being elected to Senate.

ROSE, Colin**Department of History****Faculty of Humanities**

I was a member of Senate from 2018-2020, where I served on the Graduate Studies Committee (once as vice-chair) as well as on the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee on Teaching Evaluations struck in 2019. In my time on Senate I understood it as a vehicle for the promotion of faculty and student interests through collegial governance.

In this time of broad provincial assault on higher education, especially at medium-sized comprehensives such as Brock, the principles of collegial governance and democratic resistance of this attack on our shared values is more important than ever.

As a senator I will again act to keep the interests of faculty and students at the forefront of Senate action. In all matters, protecting the well-being of students, faculty and staff will be my primary goals. I believe that these are synonymous with the health of the institution.

I look forward to another term as Senator and hope to have your support. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

ROYAL, Matthew**Department of Music
Faculty of Humanities**

I am standing for election to Senate because, as we face unprecedented financial pressures in post-secondary education, I would work hard to maintain and grow the core university missions of teaching and research. I previously served on Senate from 2016 to 2019. During that time, I sat on and was sometime vice-chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee. In that capacity, I also attended meetings of the PPBAC and Governance Committee of Senate. I have also served two terms as Chair of Music, from 2011 to 2014 and 2017 to 2020. I thus have experience of numerous types of committee work at the Departmental, Faculty and University levels. I would welcome the opportunity to bring that experience to bear in Senate committee work as well as Senate at large.

TANG, Tanya**Department of Accounting
Goodman School of Business**

As a Professor of Accounting with significant experience at the University of British Columbia (Okanagan) and Brock University, I have developed a deep understanding of our university community's needs. My roles in strategic planning, academic program leadership, and quality assurance have equipped me with the skills to champion effective research and scholarship policies.

My commitment to inclusivity, collaboration, and transparency is a deeply ingrained value that I have upheld throughout my academic career. I am dedicated to fostering an environment where every member of our community feels valued and empowered. My focus is on promoting policies that support academic excellence, sustainability, and equity, which are essential for nurturing a thriving academic environment.

If elected to the University Senate, I will work to enhance communication and collaboration across our university, ensuring that the voices of students, faculty, and staff are integral to our decision-making processes. My vision is to contribute to a governance structure that is responsive, people-centered, and transparent, where your ideas and concerns directly shape our university's future.

I ask for your vote to help drive positive change and build a more inclusive, vibrant, and forward-thinking university community. Together, we can achieve a brighter future for everyone at our university.

THOMSON, Ron

**Department of Applied Linguistics
Faculty of Social Sciences**

I am running for Senate because I believe it (along with its committees) has a singular role in giving diverse faculty perspectives a place to be heard and considered. Not only does Senate make important decisions that affect faculty and students, but Senate provides a conduit for the interests of Brock's diverse faculty to be communicated back to administration, the Board and to BUFA's Executive. Without input from Senate, these other bodies tend to be otherwise impenetrable and tightly controlled silos. As a Senator, I will represent Brock's diverse interests and work toward improving the institution for the benefit of students. I will also provide an active counter-weight to the handful of Senators who seem to control many proceedings and the most powerful committees, acting as something analogous to "His Majesty's Loyal Opposition" seen in provincial and federal government. I bring substantial governance experience locally, provincially and nationally, and a demonstrated track record of accomplishing constituent goals. I have also served on Senate in the past, including as a member of the Academic Review Committee and the Governance Committee.

THONGPAPANL, Tek

**Department of Marketing, International Business & Strategy
Goodman School of Business**

Over the last seven years, in addition to serving in various committees in my home Faculty, I have also been working with Brock's colleagues on various committees with the main goal of advancing knowledge generation, knowledge dissemination, and knowledge application at our university. These university-level involvements include but are not limited to: (2017-2024) Member of the University Senate; (2017-2024) Member of the University Senate Graduate Studies Committee; (2019-2022) Member of the University Academic Advisory Committee on Engineering at Brock; (2019-2022) Member of the Brock - Canada Games Research Sub-Committee; and (2020-2024) Member of the International Student Ambassador Award Adjudication Committee. Our university continues to be challenged by both internal and external factors that force us to think critically and creatively of how we could continue to one of the strongest universities in Canada and internationally, in light of the university's strategic mandates and directions. I look forward to working collaboratively with all Brock's colleagues in this pursuit over the next several years, by treating all parties consistently, fairly, and equitably in accordance with all university's rules and regulations as well as all collective agreements.

VINE, Michelle**Department of Health Sciences****Faculty of Applied Health Sciences**

Dr. Michelle Vine, PhD, CE (Credentialed Evaluator)

I have been an Assistant Professor (Instructional Limited Term Appointment) in the Department of Health Sciences at Brock University for three years, where I teach in the Master of Public Health program - an online, fully asynchronous graduate program. I am interested in being a Senator given my interest in advocating for student-centered educational policy, supported by my academic expertise and experience in pedagogy, specifically, how instructors teach, in both theory and practice. I take pride in teaching, and engage in ongoing instructional development, personal evaluation of my teaching, and contribute to the scholarship of teaching and learning to improve practice.

My recent conversion to a teaching-intensive full-time faculty position (July 1, 2024) makes me an ideal candidate, given, in part, the need to have representation from these new teaching-intensive faculty members on Senate. My current and past service to the university also makes me a good fit, particularly as a member of the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee and the Health Research Ethics Board, extensive participation in training and consultations with the Centre for Pedagogical Innovation, and as an early adopter of Brightspace, Brock's new Learning Management System.