

# THE ACADEMIC *Senate* reporter

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## About the Academic Senate

The Academic Senate is Pratt's faculty administration governance body, chosen from the faculty and chairs of the entire Institute, which directly advises the President and the Provost about academic matters and concerns, without review by any other group. It is called the Academic Senate, not the Faculty Senate, because its membership includes not only full-time and part-time faculty, but also chairs.

The responsibilities of the Academic Senate include, but are not limited to, the following: approving academic policies and procedures, reviewing structures of programs, curricula, and schools, reviewing course additions and changes, reviewing academic services, establishing committees on appropriate subjects, interviewing prospective deans, vice-presidents, provosts, and presidents, appointing faculty to standing committees of the Board of Trustees, nominating a Faculty Trustee, structuring search committees and appointing faculty and chair membership.

**M E M B E R S H I P**  
Senate members are elected by their peers for three-year terms. Full-time Senate representatives include at least one from each of the schools, i.e. the Schools of Architecture, Art & Design, Graduate Information and Library Science, Liberal Arts & Sciences, and the Library.

There should be one full-time Senate member for each 12 full-time faculty in each school. If there are more than 12 full-time faculty in a school, that school is entitled to one representative for each additional 12 faculty members or major portion thereof. Part-time Senate members include four part-time faculty members from the School of Art & Design, two part-time members from the School of Architecture, and one part-time member elected from the faculties of the other Institute schools.

Chairs are apportioned one each from undergraduate Architecture, graduate Architecture, undergraduate Art & Design, graduate Art & Design, and one from the other Institute schools. An alternate member is the person receiving the next highest number of votes for that position.

Pratt personnel eligible for Senate membership include full-time, adjunct, and visiting faculty, and chairs who teach regularly scheduled courses in their subject area.

**M E E T I N G S**  
The Academic Senate holds regular bimonthly meetings during the Fall and Spring semesters, or as often as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee. Additionally, at least once after the eighth week of both the Fall and Spring semesters, the Senate convenes a meeting, presided over by the Senate President. All Institute faculty and chairs, as well as the Institute's President and Provost are invited to this meeting, where reports on issues confronting the Institute and its academic governance are presented by the President of the Senate and by the President of the Institute, and are discussed by all in attendance.

**S T A N D I N G C O M M I T T E E S**  
The Academic Senate fulfills its responsibilities in part through standing committees and ad hoc committees. The following descriptions enumerate some of the duties of these committees.

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS & POLICIES COMMITTEE

With representatives from all schools of the Institute, the Academic Programs and Policies Committee has an important overview and facilitator role in curriculum development, the creation of new courses, and the revision of existing ones.

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It assists in ascertaining redundancies or conflicts in courses from more than one department with similar concerns. Examining each course proposal, its findings and recommendations are reported to the full Senate for its input before implementation. All matters pertaining to curriculum are within the purview and responsibility of this committee.

#### **ACADEMIC INITIATIVES COMMITTEE**

The Academic Initiatives Committee is a new standing committee which will serve to identify academic imperatives, develop and/or review proposals for corresponding programmatic initiatives, and assist in the approval and implementation process for those initiatives. Faculty are encouraged to play an active role in the identification and examination of current academic imperatives, and to offer relevant proposals for committee consideration.

#### **ACADEMIC CONCERNS & SUPPORT COMMITTEE**

The Academic Concerns & Support Committee is charged with addressing non-curricular academic issues like faculty development and support. It has an ongoing responsibility to oversee the election of an Institute Professor/ Distinguished Teacher Award, conferred by the Academic Senate, the Provost, and the Board of Trustees. The recipient usually addresses the student body at Honors Convocation, presents the mace at graduation ceremonies, and delivers a lecture for the Institute community.

#### **FACULTY HANDBOOK SUBCOMMITTEE**

The Faculty Handbook Sub-committee is a component of the Academic Concerns Committee. After several years of dedicated work in collaboration with the Office of The Provost the first Pratt Institute Faculty handbook is scheduled to be published and distributed this year.

#### **NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

The Nominations & Elections Committee appoints nominees for Senate Standing and Ad Hoc committees and for committees of the Board of Trustees. It conducts the elections for Senators of the Academic Senate.

This Committee also appoints faculty to the Provost's Faculty Development Grant Committee, the Institute Professor/Distinguished Teacher Committee, and Search Committees for the President, Vice Presidents and Deans.

**A D H O C C O M M I T T E E S**  
In addition to standing committees, the Senate employs ad hoc committees to address special initiatives. The Senate also nominates faculty representatives (R), and alternates (A), for the following institutional committees:

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (2 Rs, 1A)**  
This committee serves under the aegis of the Board of Trustees.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES (1 R)**  
The Senate nominates three faculty members, from which the Board chooses one.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE (1 R, 1A)**  
This committee serves under the aegis of the Board of Trustees.

**DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (1 R, 1A)**  
This committee serves under the aegis of the Board of Trustees.

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (1 R, 1A)**  
This committee serves under the aegis of the Office of Finance and Administration.

**STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (2 Rs, 2As)**  
This committee serves under the aegis of the Office of Student Life.

**ALL-INSTITUTE CALENDAR COMMITTEE (1 R)**  
This committee serves under the aegis of the Office of the Provost.

**DESIGN COMMITTEE (1 R, 1A)**  
This committee serves under the aegis of the Board of Trustees.

Additionally, the President of the Academic Senate is invited to attend Institute Senior Staff meetings.

**Academic Senators are elected by their peers to represent them in the shared academic governance of the Institute.**

## Meet Your Academic Senators

*The following are brief biographies of Pratt's current Senators:*

**R**ICK BARRY (*FT/A&D*) is Vice-President of the Senate. He is an Associate Professor in the Department of Computer Graphics and Interactive Media, where he served for over five years as department chair. He is an award-winning graphic designer and illustrator who has worked with a number of prominent NYC-based advertising agencies and design studios over the past three decades. He is a past president of the Graphic Artists Guild of New York, and currently serves on the board of NYC ACM SIG-GRAPH. He is proprietor of a digital design and consulting firm, DeskTop Design Studio. His work appears on the Adobe Illustrator CD-ROM, and is featured in *The Illustrator WOW!* Book by Peachpit Press. He is a frequent lecturer at professional and academic venues.

**D**ONALD CROMLEY (*PT/Arch*) is an architect and architectural educator. He received a B.Arch from MIT and a M.Arch from the University of Pennsylvania where he studied with Louis Kahn. He won a Fulbright Grant to Finland in 1961, working in the office of Alvar Aalto. He worked at the New York office of Marcel Breuer and earned his NYS license in 1968. He maintains his architectural practice and also teaches as an Adjunct Professor at Pratt where he served for six years as department chair.

**T**OM GRAHAM (*PT/A&D*) is a Professor in the Communications Design Department of the School of Art & Design. He is a graduate of Pratt Institute (MFA, 1975), and has been a faculty member since 1985. Courses have included Junior Illustration, Visual Communication, Design Procedures, History of Illustration, and Children's Illustration. Prof. Graham has been a three-term part-time and full-time representative to the Pratt Academic Senate from 1994 to the present, serving on a number of standing and ad hoc committees. Exhibitions have include the Society of Illustrators and Society of Illustrators, Los Angeles. Included in "Illustrators Who Teach," Society of Illustrators 1998. Featured in March 1992 article in *The Artist's* magazine. Member, the Graphic Artists Guild.

**D**IMITRI HAZZIKOSTAS (*FT/A&D*) is an art historian and archaeologist. He is a member of the Hellenic Archaeological Society and has participated in excavations at Corinth, Lechaion, and Troezen. He has a Ph.D. from Columbia University. He is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Art History, where he teaches courses in Ancient and Medieval Art, and he is also on the faculty of the Pratt-in-Venice summer program. Dimitri was the recipient of the Sears Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching and is a contributor to the *Encyclopedia of Comparative Iconography*. He is currently preparing a book on *The Sleeping Figure in Greek Art*.

**V**IVIEN KNUSSI (*PT/A&D*) is an adjunct in the Department of Art History. She has been at Pratt for five years, and has served on several committees. She teaches the 19th and 20th Century surveys, American Art and

courses in the History, Aesthetics and Criticism of Photography. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Columbia University. She earned her BA and MA at Tufts University. She was an educator at the Museum of Modern Art, specializing in the field of photography. She was also a curator for Dreyfuss Mutual Funds, and the McFrank and Williams Advertising Agency. These positions gave her the opportunity to build collections of vintage and contemporary photographs, and to work in the art market.

**J**ENNY LEE (*PT/A&D*) is Secretary/Treasurer of the Senate. She is a graduate of The Cooper Union and teaches welding and sculpture in the Fine Arts Department. She also serves on the Campus Environmental Concerns Committee (CECC), and is a recipient of the 2001 Faculty Development Grant. She is a well-recognized sculptor, whose works are in several public and private collections, including The Brooklyn Museum and the De Menil Collection. Several important galleries have represented her, including Herstand, Borgenicht and Shapolsky. She has worked at selected, industrial or specialized projects for clients such as Jaguar Cars and the American Museum of Natural History.

**A**NNE LEONARD (*FT/Lib*) is a Public Services Librarian and Assistant Professor at the Pratt Library for the past year. She received an A.B. in Comparative Literature from Smith College and an M.L.I.S. from the University of Texas at Austin.

**J**OHN LOBELL (*FT/Arch*) received his M.Arch. degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and is a tenured professor of architecture at Pratt, where he has taught since 1969. He is part of the team teaching the three semester required architecture sequence, and teaches electives on Kahn & Venturi, Frank Lloyd Wright, *Designing Cities*, and *The Impact of Technology*. Lobell is the author of *"Between Silence and Light, Spirit in the Architecture of Louis I. Kahn."* He does consulting in high technology architecture and design, and in telecom and Internet services. His interests include architectural and cultural theory, mythology, Buddhism, and quantum cosmology.

**V**AN LUPU (*PT/A&D*) is an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Fashion Department at Pratt Institute. He teaches Fashion Survey, Apparel Design III and Senior Portfolio. A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, he is the founder and director of Van Lupu Ltd, a design and consulting firm that specializes in the design of sportswear for women and men. He is currently involved in designing for a major national women's sportswear catalog. He has been an instructor at Pratt for five years, as well as the Commentator for the annual Pratt Fashion Show.

**M**ARY MATTHEWS (*CH/Arch*) is the former Academic Senate Secretary, and was a member of the Academic Programs & Policies Committee between 1998 and 2001. She is Acting Chairperson and Adjunct Professor of Construction Management and Facilities Management in the School of Architecture. Her degrees include: BA, Emmanuel College; MS, Boston College, and MBA candi-

**Senate Vacancies  
as of Summer 2001:**

**Architecture  
Undergraduate Chair**

date, NYU. She is a member of: NIBS; OSHA and NYC DEP Task Forces; ASSE; SENY; IFMA; PWC; GNYCUC, and CMAA. She was honored as an IFMA-Distinguished Educator and granted a Leadership Award by Emmanuel College. She was a participant in the US Army War College National Security Seminar.

**M**ARK O'GRADY (*CH/IA&D*) is an Associate Professor and Chair of Pratt's Associate Degree Programs. He teaches Painting III and IV. He served on the Student Development Sub-Committee in 1999-2001. He received his BFA from the Cooper Union, and his MFA from Louisiana Tech University. He has actively exhibited his work both nationally and internationally with recent exhibitions at the Painting Center in New York, and at the Temple Bar Galleries in Dublin, Ireland. He is a member of the College Arts Association, F.A.T.E. (Foundations in Art Theory and Education), and New York Artists Equity, where he serves as a Vice-President on the Executive Board.

**K**ATARINA POSCH (*FT/IA&D*) is a design historian and theoretician. She holds a Ph.D. from the National University of Fine Arts and Music in Tokyo, with a comparative dissertation about Japanese Design. Her professional career is based on curatorial work for Design Museums such as the Pompidou Center in Paris and the Vitra Design Museum in Germany. Dr. Posch publishes about design in cultural contexts, as well as design seen from interdisciplinary points of view. Dr. Posch was appointed Assistant Professor of Theory, Criticism and Theory of Design in the Department of Art History in Summer 2000. Besides academic work such as teaching and researching, her tasks include the restructuring of the design theory curriculum.

**A**NN RANDALL (*FT/SILS*) serves as a Senate representative on the Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee. She earned her doctorate in Library Science at Columbia University. She has served as Director of Libraries at The City College of New York and Howard University, and as Assistant Director, Brown University. Since 1998, she has been an Associate Professor in Pratt's School of Liberal Arts & Sciences, teaching online database retrieval, management and advanced reference services. Her community service in Brooklyn won an award in 1999. Prof. Randall has served as a site visitor for the Middle States Association, and has held leadership positions in the American Library Association and other professional organizations.

**R**OBERT RICHARDSON (*PT/LA&S*) is a Visiting Assistant Professor teaching philosophy in the Department of Social Sciences, Management, and Cultural Studies. He has taught at Pratt for the past year, offering courses on the genealogy of the concept of culture, the philosophy of the relation between aesthetics and politics, and the relation between psychoanalysis and critique in the work of Freud and Lacan. His specialization is in the philosophy of science and mathematics, with a further concentration in social and political philosophy. He is currently completing work on his Ph.D. dissertation

for the Department of Philosophy at The Pennsylvania State University.

**C**AROLE SIROVICH (*CH/LA&S*) is a past Vice President and Secretary of the Academic Senate and a member of several Senate committees. She received her Ph.D. in Mathematics at the Courant Institute at New York University. She has been teaching mathematics for thirty-three years; the last twenty at Pratt Institute. She is currently the Chairperson of the Department of Math and Science.

**G**ERSON SPARER (*FT/LA&S*) holds a PhD in Mathematics, and he has been a Professor of Mathematics at Pratt for nearly 30 years. He is a past President of the Pratt Institute chapter of the United Federation of College Teachers. He received a BS from Brooklyn College, and an MS and Ph.D. from New York University.

**D**EBBI SUTTON (*PT/IA&D*) teaches in the Art and Design Education and Fine Arts Departments and coordinates the undergraduate internship program. Her BFA is from Oxford University and her MFA from Hunter College. Ms. Sutton has been a governor and member of the Academic Planning Committee for the London Institute, President of the Chelsea School of Art Student Union, Chair of the Ruskin and Hunter College Student Committees. Recently she exhibited a storytelling installation in an old light ship, the Frying Pan, and a sculpture in the Exploratorium, San Francisco. She is currently looking for a publisher for "The Math Spider," a children's book.

**S**UZANNE VERDERBER (*FT/LA&S*) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of English and Humanities in the School of Liberal Art. She has taught Freshman composition; Literary Theory and Criticism; Romantic Vision; Mass Culture and Gender; and Myth into Film. Her extracurricular activities include creative and critical writing. She is a frequent conference presenter on medieval and Renaissance representation and psychoanalytic theory. She holds a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature and Literary Theory, from the University of Pennsylvania, an MA in Comparative Literature and Literary Theory, from the University of Pennsylvania, and a BA in Comparative Literature from Dartmouth College, Magna cum laude.

**R**OBERT ZACCONE (*FT/Arch*) is an Adjunct Associate Professor in the School of Architecture where he teaches Media & Communication, Professional Practice, and Construction Documents at the undergraduate school. He is Past Chairman of the Peer Evaluation Committee for the School of Architecture and is Senate representative to Pratt's Development Committee, as well as faculty representative to the Board of Trustees. He received a BA in Art, a B.Arch from Pratt, and a MS in Architecture from Columbia University. Mr. Zaccone is a practicing architect with his firm, Robert Zaccone & Associates, P.C., and is a member of the American Institute of Architects. He is also President of the AIA New Jersey Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

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## A Word From The Senate President

The newly elected members of the Academic Senate met at the end of the spring 2001 semester to introduce themselves to each other and to elect the executive committee. Professor Jenny Lee was elected Secretary, and has also taken on the duties of Treasurer. Professor Rick Barry was elected Vice President, and I was honored to be elected President of the Academic Senate.

I've served on the Senate for nine years and during that time I've worked with outstanding colleagues on several Senate committees. I am confident that my experience and familiarity with the Senate's responsibilities and goals will help me do an effective job. There is absolutely no doubt that Rick and Jenny are extraordinarily capable, motivated and hard-working. I can not imagine the Senate having two more competent officers.

The executive committee has already dealt with significant issues regarding the new Faculty Handbook. Jenny and Rick have also worked tirelessly during the summer break to produce and publish this revived issue of the Senate Reporter.

The Academic Senate has always been comprised of a highly effective group of teachers and chairs who have provided essential academic services to Pratt Institute. One of the new Senate's major objectives for this academic year is to be

more visible in attempting to re-establish the primary importance of teaching and learning at Pratt. To accomplish this goal, we need to involve the academic community in developing and sharing ideas and information.

The amount of enthusiasm and ability of the members of the new Senate is remarkable. We will do everything that we can to improve education at Pratt. I hope that the Pratt community will work with us.

Respectfully,  
Don ArieV

*The following mini-biography was extracted from the complete listing on page 3:*

**D**ON ARIEV (*CH/Arch*) is a Pratt graduate and serves as Chair of the Graduate Communications Design program, tenured Professor, President of the Academic Senate, and professional design consultant. For the past twenty years, he has been retained by a large consumer products company in Osaka, Japan. He designed the H. J. Heinz logo as well as trademarks and packages for Exxon and other corporations in the U. S., Canada, Mexico and Japan. The annual reports that Don designed for CARE won several awards. He has made presentation/lectures at colleges in mainland China, Brazil, and Denmark. An interview with Don recently appeared on a Korean website. He is a partner in ArieV & ArieV/ Design Consultants.

Do you know who your Senate representative is?

## We'd Like To Hear From You

Academic Senators are elected by their faculty peers to represent and serve their interests. It is therefore no small honor and responsibility to serve on the Senate.

While it's the Senate's job to serve you, it's your job to let us know what's on your mind. Do you know who your Senate representative is? If not, take a look at the Senate bios in this issue. Appearing after each member's name is an abbreviation of their status and their school affiliation: (*FT/Arch* = Full-time/Art & Design, *CH/Arch* = Chairperson / Architecture). Senators' email addresses appear on the first page.

Furthermore, you're certainly not limited to communicating with a Senator from your school or department, alone. There are 21 Senators at your service, and they're all just a phone call, email, lunch table or office visit away. It's your Academic Senate; make it work for you.

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# Academic Senate Bylaws

The Academic Senate is Pratt's faculty administration governance body, chosen from the faculty and chairs of the entire Institute, which directly advises the President and the Provost about academic matters and concerns, without review by any other group. It is called the Academic Senate, not the Faculty Senate, because its membership includes not only full-time and part-time faculty, but also chairs.

1. Name of organization: Academic Senate
  2. A. Nature of organization: A faculty administration governance body that will relate directly to the President and Provost without review by any other group.
    - B. Purpose: To give faculty and chairs responsibilities including, but not limited to, the following:
      - a. Approving academic policies and procedures;
      - b. Reviewing structures of programs, curricula, and schools;
      - c. Providing for appropriate review of course additions and changes;
      - d. Reviewing academic services;
      - e. Establishing committees on appropriate subjects;
      - f. Interviewing prospective deans, vice-presidents, provosts, and presidents;
      - g. Appointing faculty members to Board standing committees;
      - h. Nominating Faculty Trustee;
      - i. Formulating structure and procedures of search committees, and appointing faculty and chair membership.
  3. Membership:
    - A. Full-time Faculty: At least one full-time faculty member from the Library Faculty and each of these schools of the Institute: Architecture, Art and Design, Graduate Information and Library Science, Liberal Arts and Sciences; in schools with more than 12 full-time faculty, a representative for each 12 or major fraction thereof. (Three-year terms)
    - B. Part-time Faculty: Three part-time faculty members elected from the part-time faculty of the School of Art and Design; two part-time faculty members elected from the part-time faculty of the School of Architecture; one part-time faculty member elected from the rest of the part-time faculty (the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the School of Information and Library Science, the School of Professional Studies, and the Library). [These numbers represent a current proportional representation from the schools of Architecture and of Art and Design and from the remaining faculty at large, the ratio being approximately 1 to 70.] (Three-year terms)
    - C. Chairs: One chair from each of the undergraduate and graduate units of the Institute having chairs (Undergraduate Architecture, Graduate Architecture, Undergraduate Art and Design, Graduate Art and Design, Liberal Arts and Sciences). (Three-year terms)
    - D. Alternate member: In the event that a Senate position becomes vacated, the person receiving the next highest vote for that position will become the representative, provided that the voting body and the pool of potential nominees remains the same. An interim election will be held if either the voting body or the pool of potential nominees has changed significantly.
  4. Eligibility for membership:
    - A. Faculty: Full-time, adjunct, and visiting faculty.
    - B. Chairs: Those who teach regularly scheduled classes in their subject areas.
  5. Officers of the organization: President; Vice-President; Secretary.
    - A. These officers (who serve three-year terms) constitute the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate. They are elected by secret ballot.
    - B. The Executive Committee has the authority to act when the Senate is not in regular session.
    - C. If the President is chosen from among the members of the Senate (as opposed to the faculty-at-large), the replacement shall be the alternate member. (See 3D.)
  6. Standing Committees: Standing committees of the Academic Senate will be established, as needed, by the Academic Senate.
  7. Amendments: Amendments to the bylaws may be proposed at any time, but will be voted on no earlier than the eighth (8th) week of the following Fall or Spring semester. Passage requires seventy-five per cent (75%) of the members of the Academic Senate voting in a secret, written ballot. Approved amendments become effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.
  8. Quorum: Quorum for Academic Senate meetings: Sixty percent (60%) of the elected members.
  9. Meetings:
    - A. Regular meetings will be held biweekly during the Fall and Spring Semesters, or as often as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.
    - B. The Academic Senate will convene at least once, after the eighth week of each of the semesters, Fall and Spring, a meeting of the faculty and chairs, presided over by the President of the Academic Senate. Reports on a) issues confronting the Institute and b) academic governance will be made by the President of Pratt Institute and the President of the Academic Senate.
  10. The rules contained in the Modern Edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Academic Senate in all cases where they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Senate may adopt.
- Original bylaws unanimously adopted by Faculty Council on 23 April 1991. Article nine (9) unanimously approved 2 May 1991. Revisions unanimously approved 6 May 1993.*