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PRESIDENT MONACO: For those of you who are new to Tufts, please let me introduce myself and my colleagues up in the front – I am Anthony Monaco, President of the University, and beside me are: Deborah Kochevar, Interim Provost; Jianmin Qu, Dean of the School of Engineering; and Jim Glaser, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

I now call on Dean Glaser to open an Arts and Sciences meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION OF DEGREES**

**Liberal Arts and Jackson College**

DEAN GLASER: Thank you, Tony. I would now like to open a meeting of Liberal Arts and Jackson College. Members of the faculty, I have the honor to present these candidates from Liberal Arts and Jackson College. It is the function of this faculty to recommend to the Board of Trustees all candidates for degrees in Liberal Arts and Jackson College as authorized by the trustees for the award of the degree in August 2018, subject to the usual conditions. I am happy to certify that these candidates have met or will meet the degree requirements, as set forth by this faculty, for the programs in which they have been enrolled. The total number of bachelor’s degrees to be recommended is 99. Of those, in arts and sciences, there are: 54 Bachelor of Arts candidates, 15 Bachelor of Fine Arts candidates, and 30 Bachelor of Science candidates. Is there a motion to recommend? [So moved.] All in favor? [Aye.] Against? Abstentions? Thank you and I would now like to close the Liberal Arts and Jackson College Meeting.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I call on Dean Robert Cook to open a Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Faculty Meeting.

**Graduate School of Arts and Sciences**

DEAN COOK: Members of the faculty, I have the honor to present these candidates from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. It is the function of this faculty to recommend to the Board of Trustees all candidates for degrees in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences as authorized by the trustees for the award of the degree in August 2018, subject to the usual conditions. I am happy to certify that these candidates have met or will meet the degree requirements, as set forth by this faculty, for the programs in which they have been enrolled. The total number of degrees to be recommended is 101. Of those, 88 are master’s degrees, and 13 are Ph.D. degrees. The numbers of graduate degrees are as follows: 26 Masters of Arts, 20 Masters of Arts in Teaching, 11 Masters of Fine Arts, 27 Masters of Science, 4 Masters of Public Policy, and 13 Doctors of Philosophy. Is there a motion to recommend? [So moved.] All in favor? [Aye.] Against? Abstentions? Thank you and I would now like to close the GSAS Meeting.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I call on Dean Qu to open a School of Engineering Faculty Meeting.

**School of Engineering**

DEAN QU: Thank you, President Monaco. Members of the faculty, I have the honor to present the degree candidates from the School of Engineering. It is the function of this faculty to recommend to the Board of Trustees all candidates for degrees in engineering as authorized by the trustees for the award of the degree in August 2018, subject to the usual conditions. I am
happy to certify that these candidates have met or will meet the degree requirements, as set forth by this faculty, for the programs in which they have been enrolled. The total number of degrees to be recommended is 77. Of those, there are: 14 Bachelor of Science candidates, 1 Master of Engineering candidates, 17 Master of Science candidates, 28 Master of Science in Engineering Management, 10 Master of Science in Innovation and Management candidates, and 7 Ph.D. candidates. Is there a motion to recommend? [So moved.] In favor? [Aye.] Against? Abstentions? I would now like to close the Engineering meeting.

PRESIDENT MONACO “I would now like to open the Arts, Science, & Engineering Faculty Meeting. At this time, I would like to propose that the faculty vote on all degrees just voted on by the School of Arts and Sciences, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and the School of Engineering. All those in Favor? [Aye.] The motion carries.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDENT MONACO:
At this time, I would like to call on Terry Haas to read the resolution on the passing of Elena Rybak-Akimova

Resolution on the Passing of Elena Rybak-Akimova

PROF HAAS:
It is my sad duty and honor to present this resolution on the passing of Elena Rybak-Akimova. It would have seemed more reasonable that our roles would have been reversed.

Members of the Department of Chemistry invite the Arts, Sciences and Engineering faculty to join us in remembering and honoring our colleague Elena Rybak-Akimova, who died prematurely of cancer on March 11, 2018. She is survived by her husband Alexander Kolchinski, and their children Alex and Anna, currently a Tufts sophomore.

Born in Kiev, Ukraine in 1961, Elena was a prodigy. In high school, she took part in the Chemistry Olympiads. At the age of 15 she became the champion of the former Soviet Union, a status she held for three years. In 1978, Elena participated the 10th International Chemistry Olympiad in Poland, where she won a gold medal and first place in the theoretical round. That same year, she matriculated at Kiev State University, where she majored in chemistry. In addition to graduating at the top of her class with a perfect GPA, she published three first-author peer-reviewed papers on the chemistry of macrocyclic complexes of zinc. In 1983, Elena started in the Ph.D. program at the Institute of Physical Chemistry in Kiev, where she chose an experimentally difficult project on iron macrocyclic complexes, which required anaerobic conditions for their preparation and study. Thus, her very first assignment was to assemble an air-tight apparatus that would allow for the handling of air-sensitive chemicals, which required her to drill, weld and machine iron parts to study her air-sensitive iron compounds. Her efforts earned her the nickname of the “Iron Lady” from her colleagues.

Soon after finishing her Ph.D., Elena moved to the United States to join the group of Professor Daryle Busch at the University of Kansas. Professor Busch was one of the discoverers of macrocyclic ligands, which are tiny molecular donuts, with a hole in the middle, that can capture
and hold metal ions. Elena studied macrocyclic complexes aiming to create efficient catalysts for activation of oxygen. She continued this research after joining Tufts University in 1997. Elena’s laboratory immediately became a hub of graduate and undergraduate research. Over the years, about 20 graduate students got doctoral and master’s degrees under her supervision. More than 40 undergrads and a few high school students had a chance to experience first-hand, the thrills of scientific exploration in her lab. She developed great skill in the study of fast reactions (complete in one tenth of a second, for example) at temperatures down to -80 °C. Her expertise in such studies made her a sought-after collaborator by research groups from across the country and around the world because she could get results they could not. Elena’s group at Tufts published more than a hundred journal papers.

Colleagues speak of Elena as “a chemist’s chemist.” She had no greater joy than discussing any area of chemistry at length or asking insightful questions at seminars. She was truly a pure scientist, without any agenda beyond learning. A beloved mentor, colleague, and friend to all, students, staff, faculty and visitors, Elena’s spirit remains with us even while her presence is sorely missed.

We ask that this resolution be included in the minutes of the faculty of Arts, Sciences and Engineering, and that copies be sent to Professor Rybak-Akimova’s widower and children.

Recognition of Distinction Award Winners from AS&E

PRESIDENT MONACO: We are going to continue with the 4th year of a tradition at this meeting. Now, we would like to recognize all of the AS&E recipients of Tufts Distinction Awards over the summer. Please stand when your name is called so we can recognize you. Noah Barrientos in mathematics. Briana Bouchard, School of Engineering. Karen O’Hagan from chemistry. Amelia Wilson, School of Engineering. And the members of the International Center: Jane Etish-Andrews, Patrick Himes, Neriliz Soto Gonzalez, and Whitney Sullivan. Thank you, all. On behalf of all your colleagues, congratulations to those who have won these awards.

Remarks from President Monaco

PRESIDENT MONACO: I’m so exciting to begin another academic year. The students are partially back on campus. On Sunday, I had global international choreographed students show up at Gifford House for the treasure hunt, and I learned some new dances.

I hope you had a refreshing and productive summer. Those of you who were on campus probably noticed the construction going on. One you may not have seen was the new maker space in the basement of Robinson Hall, which will have its grand opening this fall. In residence life, there were renewal projects going on in ten different halls including the adding of 70 new beds to existing dorms. We completed the first phase of community housing, which added 45 beds; it will be continuing this year and adding 14 more beds, for a total of 141 beds. Phase one started in Miller Hall; students will occupy half the building this fall while the other half while the project is continued. So far, the move in is going well. We are also upgrading bathrooms and mechanical systems, adding an elevator and glass frontage, improving common areas, adding dorms to the garden level. Haskell Hall is now code-compliant with accessibility ramps added. Carmichael Hall has had upgrades to food service, a new roof, and renovations to the residential
spaces. An all-gender restroom has also been added to the dining area. In infrastructure, we’ve extended chilled water from the Central Energy Plant to Barnum-Dana, Braker, Olin, and Cabot. There is now added accessibility to the quad-side of Ballou, which we did by raising the ground to the entrance, so you no longer have to go around the building for accessibility. Storm water improvement continued by Halligan, as well. Thank you all; navigating it wasn’t easy.

On capital planning side, the Cummings building is back on plan. Design work is restarting this fall. Site preparation adjacent to the tracks will hopefully be completed by October. The Barnum-Dana demolition is complete. Starting next September, Tisch College, TIE, FMS, studio art, and offices for Fletcher and additional departments will move in.

Thanks to Debbie Kochevar for her service, which started in April this year. The search is moving ahead and I’d like to thank Bárbara Brizuela and the faculty and staff representatives on that committee; they will be bringing in candidates this semester.

We have outstanding admissions results and we are excited to welcome the new students at Matriculation tomorrow. Admissions is at its lowest admittance rate and Debbie will go over that. Mary Pat and her colleagues did a great job making enhancements to orientation and the first-year programming. Last spring, we finished the first part of Mental Health Task Force work; thanks to the Educational Policy Committee and the Academic Standing Committee for their work. We hope to release a report this fall and engage on those recommendations.

On the budget front, we continue to ensure we have resources, facilities, and infrastructure for faculty and students to flourish. At the end of FY18, we had a $5.4M surplus university-wide, which is $7.3M less than we originally budgeted and very modest given the $900M budget. Thankfully we are on the plus side and thanks to all the work you did with budget center; the margins are vital to making programmatic and capital investments. We will continue to be constrained in FY19.

Advancement had a good year. Brighter World, which is a $1.5B campaign, reached the $710M mark and in FY18 raised $154M, exceeding our goal of $150M. This did not include the Cummings gift, which is planned to come in this year and will boost next year’s goal. This is the first time Tufts has secured $100M in achievement four years in a row. The AS&E annual giving, or the Tufts Fund, received $11.2M and was up 6.8%. Alumni participating was up 22.5% thanks to a 3.6% increase in undergraduate alumni giving back. We are bucking the national trend of less giving to schools. We had record attendance at AS&E reunions. We also had 40% participation rate in the senior class gift, the largest since 2005. It bodes well as donors are getting farther away from graduation. To date, we have $292M in cumulative campaign achievement for AS&E, with $93M earmarked for financial aid. Thank you for all that, it’s a great trajectory.

Looking ahead to the November election, we have Jumbo Votes through Tisch College, so encourage your students to vote. As you can see, we’ve had a busy and productive year. We also lost David Kahle; there will be a memorial on September 7th for those who would like to join and remember all those things David did here and in his community. Thanks to everyone for joining in faculty governance. And now I’ll let Debbie say a few words.
Remarks from Interim Provost Kochevar

Interim Provost Kochevar: Welcome back; I hope you enjoyed your travels and rested and relaxed. We had a 14.6% acceptance rate this year; the incoming class size is 1,544; 249 are in engineering, 42 are BFAs, and 53 are combined degrees. 44% are male, but 49% female in engineering. 37.1% Domestic students of color; 163 members of class are non-US citizens, 202 first gen; 39 are children of Tufts staff and faculty; 182 Pell grants; students are from 45 states include Washington, D.C. and PR and 49 countries. Tomorrow will be warm, but it will be great to welcome the new class.

It’s been fun for me to discover the research you do with students. I attended some presentations for VERSE and Laidlaw Scholars programs and it’s impressive how accomplished they are at such young age as are the faculty who mentor them. Pre-college students will also be doing research here next year. As noted in Dean Glaser’s welcoming message, there is a link between faculty achievement and new faculty, and looking through the handout, they are just so impressive. We lost some valued colleagues, but it’s a good year to look ahead to. Congratulations on the many things you’ve accomplished; the hallmark of Tufts is the impressive faculty who we attract.

I’m pleased to say that David Hammer will be new director of IRLI and we’ll have a more official rollout of that in a month or so and highlight the importance of research and taking research to practice. There are some very excited bridges from that to CELT. I want to note, too, that a bridge professorship search has launched for IRLI. DISC still without a director; we tried hard to hire one of our top-ranked candidates – thanks to those involved – but it was not the best fit, so we are going back to the drawing board. We will hit pause for a couple of weeks and as soon as we have more information, we’ll share that. Listening to the candidates, Tufts faculty are proud of what we do here, and it’s a major draw for someone to be here.

I’d like to thank Simin Meydani who has done a lot of work on the research and scholarship strategic plan. Her work culminated in groups in phase one will receive funding to pursue research. There was a lot of consultation with the faculty in the competitive selection process and investigators who proposed new and existing areas of studies were selected. Phase two groups will get funding to refine their ideas. We want to focus on research endeavors and graduate education. The theme we took for the provost’s retreat was to look at where we have been, raise our profile, and support graduate education. You may recall Naomi Rosenberg who ran a working group and produced a report a while ago; we’ve agreed to form a subcommittee and are going back to some of those important ideas and thinking fresh on others.

One highlight for me was finalizing the chief diversity officers – Rob Mack for Medford and SMFA campuses and Joyce Sackey on the Boston and Grafton campuses. They are doing a great job and it’s energizing to be in meetings and thinking about initiatives. Some initiatives have started, including Bridging Differences, and it’s being reenergized, and we are thinking about our value statements and the values of the Tufts community. Keep an eye on what’s happening there. I will say that one great effort is revamping the Diversity and Inclusion website; phase one launches next week, and during phase two in October, it will have more personal stories that, I think, are wonderfully representative of the community.
I’d also like to mention the faculty senate. On September 12th, they elect new officers. They created a number of committees – faculty affairs, budget and finance; educational affairs and policy – and will be looking at the College of Special Studies. The Senate will have one more meeting to refine its comments around governance and organizational structure, and it will have two divisions: degree granting and non-traditional programs. Thanks to Kevin Dunn, Karen Mulder, and Joe Auner, we have already launched many non-traditional programs in the last couple of years. We will formalize that with the Trustees in November. A slightly arcane point: SARA, the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement – for longest time, MA and CA were the only states without it. Now, only CA is without it. It gives us permission to market programs in every state except CA.

The ombudsperson proposal is in front of the Senate, and I think that’s a positive action for all faculty – more to come on that. The international office reports through Diana Chigas and their move and reconfiguration has been accomplished. The Fletcher Dean search is in process; we have lots of input and we already have a number of impressive names submitted as nominations.

Thank you for all you do at and for Tufts. My office is here to support you. Thanks to Kevin Dunn, Dawn Terkla, Diana Chigas, Christine Hollenhurst, who will start next week, Simin Meydani, Rob Mack, Joyce Sackey, Jonathan Kaplan, Celia Campbell, and all those who support their efforts. Congratulations on admitting this class of students and let us know how we can help.

PRESIDENT MONACO: We are pleased to report that we had many successful full-time faculty searches in Arts and Sciences and Engineering in the last year. We have asked each department chair and administrator to limit his/her introductory remarks for each new faculty or staff member so that we can keep the meeting moving and make it to that reception. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

I now call on Dean Glaser to announce newly tenured and/or promoted faculty members, as well as new faculty appointments, in the School of Arts and Sciences. Erin Sullivan or Vickie Sullivan will bring microphones to each person who is making an introduction today, so if you are making an introduction, you don’t need to worry about coming down to the front.

INTRODUCTIONS
Newly Tenured and Promoted Faculty Members in A&S&E

DEAN GLASER: It’s my pleasure and honor to announce these promotions to full professor, it’s a landmark in one’s career. If you are here, please stand and we’ll applaud at the end.


Two colleagues joined us at the rank of full professor. Andrew Izsak, Education, and Brian Schaffner, Political Science.
Tasha Oren, who is not here, in Drama & Dance and Film & Media Studies has come to us as an Associate Professor with tenure. You’ll have opportunities to congratulate her.

Tenure at the rank of Associate Professor:


**New Professorships in A&S&E**

DEAN GLASER: I’m also pleased to announce these new Named Professorships. We had a good year in fundraising, and many of these titles are because of gifts we received. Nancy Mahler is the director of advancement for A&S and she and her staff do amazing work and several of these are due to the hard work they do. Madina Agénor, Gerald R. Gill Professor of Race, Culture, and Society. Kyle Emerick, James L. Paddock Junior Professor in International Economics. Sasha Fleary, Evans Family Junior Professor. Sara Luna, The Kathryn A. McCarthy, J45, AG46 Professor in Women’s Studies. Gib Metcalf, DiBiaggio Chair in Citizenship and Public Service. Heather Nathans, Nathan and Alice Gantcher Professor in Judaic Studies. Brian Schaffner, Newhouse Professor of Civic Studies. Elizabeth Setren, Gunnar Myrdal Professor in Economics. Enrico Spolaore, Seth Merrin Professor. Benjamin Wolfe, Eileen Fox Aptman, J90, and Lowell Aptman Junior Professor

**New/Interim Department Chairs in A&S&E**


DEAN BAUER: We have two new SMFA chairs here today, Jane Gillooly, who oversees photography, sounds, film, video, and other such wonderful areas. And our other chair is Floor van de Velde, the interim chair of 3D and Performance, which includes humans who perform, who are 3D, and also sculpture.

**New/Interim Program Directors in A&S&E**

Thank you all for your service and your service to come.

**New Full-time Faculty Members in A&S&E**

DEAN GLASER: Now our new faculty in A&S. Floor van de Velde in 3D and Performance.

MS VAN DE VELDE: David Antonio Cruz’s research explores Latino and Black underground queer culture, literature, and historical events, with an emphasis on exploring the cultural silencing of brown and black bodies, through painting, performance, and sculpture. He begins at the SMFA with seminars and advanced classes.

Tanya Crane earned her M.F.A. in metalsmithing/jewelry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has been awarded arts and crafts awards and a Haystack residency. Her recent exhibitions include the Fuller Craft Museum and Art Basel. Tanya’s work and research considers forced migration of African Americans. She also has a culinary degree from the Cordon Bleu in Portland Oregon.

I’m pleased to welcome Kendall Reiss. She has a B.S. in geology from Dickinson College and her M.F.A. in jewelry and metalsmithing from Rhode Island School of Design. She has taught at the Fuller Craft Museum and RISD. Her interdisciplinary training centers around design and fabrication of contemporary jewelry, and she has been a curator independently and collaboratively on both coasts. I should also say she has had her Coast Guard Captain License since 2006. For dinner, call Tanya, and for sunset cruises, Kendall.

DEAN GLASER: Sarah Pinto and Hilary Binda.

PROF PINTO: We are delighted to welcome Sarah Luna, the first Kathryn A. McCarthy, J45, AG46, Assistant Professor in Women’s Studies. Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, all in anthropology. She was a postdoctoral fellow at Davidson College and a visiting scholar at the University of Houston. Her research focuses on the Mexico/U.S. border, migration, sexuality, mission work and sexual labor, and develops important concepts of intimacy and desire as formed amid uneven social and socio-economic positions and across morally loaded ideas about sexuality. She is working on her book, *Selling Sex and Finding Jesus: Love and Obligation on the Mexican Border*, and has a second research project under way on American fitness culture, called *High, Tight, and White*. She is also in a band, Kegels for Hegel, which writes love songs to philosophers and thinkers. They welcome new collaborations and have an album underway, the title of which I will not announce.

MS BINDA: I also want to welcome Sarah. The students were thrilled when she was here applying. Also, I want to welcome her as the Kathryn A. McCarthy Assistant Professor Women’s Studies; hiring Sarah is not only a part of solidifying the program faculty, but the position honors Tufts’ first woman provost. She was a physicist hired in 1946, the youngest faculty member in Tufts history at that point. I want to thank the anonymous donor who saw fit to honor Kathryn and welcome an equally brilliant scholar, Sarah Luna.
DEAN GLASER: Art Utz, Chemistry

PROF UTZ: I’m pleased to welcome Luke Davis to Tufts. After studying chemistry at The College of William and Mary, Luke Davis received his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He comes to Tufts from a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University, where he was awarded a Certificate of Distinction in Teaching. His work in the area of inorganic materials chemistry will focus on discovering new compounds and fabrication routes that increase sustainability and provide greater chemical understanding and control of excited state lifetimes. His work has applications in solar cells, displays, and advanced computing. We are thrilled to have him; join me in welcoming Luke to Tufts.

DEAN GLASER: Marina Bers, Child Study & Human Development

PROF BERS: I’m pleased to welcome Eileen Crehan. She received her Ph.D. in clinical developmental psychology at the University of Vermont. Her research studies social perception in young people with autism using eye tracking technology; her additional clinical research focuses on sexuality education for individuals with autism, and other neurodiverse populations. She has played soccer for a long time, so if there’s a team at Tufts, she would like to explore that.

DEAN GLASER: Jennifer Allen, Community Health.

PROF ALLEN: Madina Agénor is the Gerald R. Gill Assistant Professor of Race, Culture, and Society. I know her very well; since she was a doctorate student at Harvard, I’ve had an eye on her and now we have her. She received her M.P.H. from Columbia and her Sc.D. in social and behavioral sciences from Harvard. She has just finished three years at the Harvard School of Public Health. Her research focuses on inequities in public health and she’s rapidly making a reputation in LGBT health and justice. I hope you’ll all reach out to her, she is a great asset to our intellectual community.

DEAN GLASER: Kris Manjapra, the Consortium for the Study of Race, Colonialism, and Diaspora.

PROF MANJAPRA: Kerri Greenidge is a lecturer and the incoming co-director of the African American Trail Project through Tufts’ CSRD. She got her doctorate from BU and her research explores African American literature and radical black consciousness. She has taught at BU, UMass Amherst, and Emerson. Her work includes historical research for the Wiley-Blackwell Anthology of African-American Literature, the Oxford African American Studies Center, and PBS. For nine years she worked as a historian for Boston African American National Historical Site in Boston, through which she published her first book, *Boston Abolitionists* (2006). Kerri’s been here for some years and we’re looking forward to working with her and seeing what you’ll be doing at the RCD.

DEAN GLASER: Heather Nathans, Drama and Dance
PROF NATHANS: I feel so lucky to be welcoming two new colleagues. Lilian Mengesha is from Brown and this is sort of a homecoming because she grew up in the Malden area. Her work focuses on indigenous, feminist, performance art, literature, and dance. She is a gifted director and dramaturge. Her new class – send your students – is about Pocahontas and other myths. Our new lecturer in sound engineering is Adam Smith. Adam comes from DePaul where he was a staff sound technologist, and he has also freelanced in Boston. He has experience at theatres and festivals, and he is also a musician and designer. We are so lucky to have both of them joining us.

DEAN GLASER: Dan Richards, Economics.

PROF RICHARDS: It’s my pleasure to introduce Cynthia Kinnan. She received her M.Sc. in global market economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science and her Ph.D. in economics from MIT. She comes to Tufts from Northwestern University, where she was an assistant professor, and she has previously taught at the Harvard. Elizabeth Setren is the Gunner Myrdal Assistant Professor. Cynthia works on economics and Elizabeth on educational input and labor market outcomes. We are competent that they will be fantastic scholars, teachers, and colleagues. Welcome them to Tufts.

DEAN GLASER: David Hammer, Education.

PROF HAMMER: Andrew Izsak started in January in math education; he studies multiplication and what people mean when they multiply – it sounds easy but have a conversation with him about it. I think he will be teaching some courses in the math department, too, and he’s also got a course in mind to teach about sheet metal work and geometry that he taught at University of Georgia. Also, briefly, Noelle Roop, who you may know, is joining us as full-time lecturer. She has been a consultant for EEOC and we are glad to have her join us.

DEAN GLASER: Misha Kilmer, Mathematics

PROF KILMER: It’s my pleasure to introduce two new professors. Ky Tran, our Norbert Wiener Assistant Professor, comes to us from Hue University in Vietnam, where he was a lecturer in math and head of the division. His research interests are within stochastic control, stochastic processes, mathematical biology, and numerical algorithms, and he consumes large amounts of coffee, so he’ll fit right in with us. James Murphy comes from Johns Hopkins where he was an assistant research scientist and senior lecturer. His areas of research include machine learning and data analysis, harmonic analysis and multiresolution computational methods, and image processing with applications in medicine, geoscience, and remote sensing. I was told he was an art history major before coming over to the dark side. We’re glad he’s here to share his expertise.

DEAN GLASER: James is the first hire in data cluster in A&S. Next is Jane Gillooly, Media Arts.

MS GILLOOLY: Rachelle Mozman Solano is Professor of the Practice, Department of Media Arts at SMFA at Tufts. Her art is deeply informed by her work as a psychoanalyst. She is interested in how culture shapes individuals. She is a Fulbright scholar, and received a film and media grant through the Jerome Foundation. She is also a Neubauer Fellow for 2019 for here
scholarship. Neda Moridpour is our second Professor of the Practice in media arts. MFA from Otis College of Art and Design. She and SA Bachman, the co-founder of LOUDER THAN WORDS, a cross-cultural, intergenerational art collective that targets sexual assault, domestic violence, women’s reproductive health, transphobia and homophobia by combining elements of activism with courageous art interventions, will be installing their Billboard Truck and staging interventions on campus on October 30 and November 1. Watch for details of the piece they call WOMEN ON THE MOVE.

DEAN GLASER: Gary Bedell, Occupational Therapy.

PROF BEDELL: It’s my pleasure to introduce two new faculty in Occupational Therapy. Dr Nancy Baker was an associate professor at the University of Pittsburgh since 2001. Her scholarship integrates health sciences and musculoskeletal disorders, and we’re all potential clients. She studies keyboards and ergonomics, has developed an online screening of carpal tunnel, and works on chronic pain. She has worked on 15 grant projects from multiple foundations. In 2013, she was elected to the Board of Trustees for the American Occupational Therapy Foundation— a high honor in our profession. She has a lot of expertise in secondary analysis using large data sets and her work crosses disciplines, and she has begun to collaborate with some of you already. Meredith Grinnell is recent graduate of our program. She is a GIFT fellow and her doctorate studies were on telehealth, post-stroke, and cerebral-vascular accidents. She is a clinical educator and she has built clinics with several people in the New England area. She has expertise integrating clinical work into curriculum, which is important for our entry-level program. Given her expertise, she is also coordinating first-level career experiences.

DEAN GLASER: Dennis Rasmussen, Political Science.

PROF RASMUSSEN: I’m pleased to introduce Brian Schaffner as the Newhouse Professor of Civic Studies. He is coming from UMass Amherst where he has worked for ten years. He is an expert on public opinion and campaigns. He created the UMass poll, he is co-PI for the Cooperative Congressional Election Study, which looks at fifty thousand voters. He is the author or co-author of several books and articles, has gotten a great deal of funding, and most importantly, he just got married this summer.

DEAN GLASER: Nina Gerassi-Navarro, Romance Studies.

PROF GERASSI-NAVARRO: Maria Isabel Castro joins us permanently. She received her B.S. in journalism from Universidad Católica del Ecuador Quito, her M.A. in Spanish literature from the University of Tennessee, and her Ph.D. in Hispanic language and literatures from Boston University. She has extensive experience teaching the languages and literatures of Spain and Latin America and has taught at Boston University and the College of the Holy Cross. Castro is currently Vice President of the Sociedad de Cultura y Literatura Ecuatoriana en Estados Unidos. Magdalena Malinowska, who is not here, received her M.A. from Boston College and her Ph.D. from Boston University, both in Hispanic language and literature. She is a content writer for a Spanish textbook, was a reader for the College Board’s AP exam, and has extensive teaching experience at Tufts, Brandeis, Regis, and Boston College – basically the neighborhood. Thank you.
DEAN GLASER: Paul Joseph, Sociology.

PROF JOSEPH: We have three new scholars. Daanika Gordon received her M.S. and Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her research and teaching interests include race and ethnicity, urban sociology, criminology and law, and mixed methods research. She received the 2017 Bruce D. Johnson Graduate Student Paper Award from the American Sociological Association Section on Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco. Felipe Dias completed his M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology at the University of California at Berkeley and was a postdoctoral scholar at Stanford University for the past year. His work uses field experimental methods, spatial analysis, and comparative methods to study racial disparities in employment, the consequences of racial segregation, and the processes of racial boundary formation. He also won the American Sociological Association’s Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award, Section on Race, Gender and Class. Anjuli Fahlberg is a jumbo and former student of several of us in this room. She got her M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology from Northeastern University. Violence in Latin American in Rio. Her work examines social inequality, violence, and social movements in Latin America and looks at possibilities for activism in Rio de Janeiro’s gang territories. She is committed to participatory action research and co-runs a research collaborative with two residents from the City of God, one of Rio’s most dangerous favela neighborhoods. Sociology is in transition and we are lucky to have scholars who contribute to our bright future.

DEAN GLASER: Shelly Krimsky, Urban and Environmental.

PROF KRIMSKY: Shan Jiang received her Ph.D. in urban and regional planning from MIT, as well as her Master of Science in transportation and Master’s in City Planning. Her work investigates the interactions of human activities and the built environment in global urbanization processes to design responsive policies for smart, sustainable, resilient and healthy cities. Her scholarship is endowed by T.D. Lee, someone our physics colleagues know well. Shan plays erhu, a two-string violin, and enjoys exploring ancient cities. Kristin Skrabut received her Ph.D. in anthropology from Brown. She served as a postdoctoral teaching fellow at Harvard and as a visiting research fellow at the London School of Economics. Her research uses ethnographic methods to investigate poverty, statecraft, and intimacy in urban Latin America. She is especially interested in housing, infrastructure, and the emerging politics of biometric identity and surveillance in Peru. She plays classical guitar and the ukulele and is an avid bike commuter.

PRESIDENT MONACO: Thank you. I now call on Dean Qu to announce newly tenured and/or promoted faculty members, as well as new faculty appointments, in the School of Engineering. I also ask that you hold the applause until the end of the announcements.”

DEAN QU: It’s my pleasure to announce these promotions to full professor. Marc Hodes, Mechanical Engineering. Jeffrey Foster, Computer Science.

Promotion to associate professor is Robert Viesca, Civil and Environmental Engineering.

We have a new named professorship, which goes to Jack Derby, Cummings Family Professor in Entrepreneurship.

Kevin Oye is the new Interim Executive Director of the Gordon Institute.
I now call on Fiorenzo Omenetto to introduce new faculty in Biomedical Engineering.

PROF GEORGAKOUDI: The department has just gone from 10% to 30% female. Madeleine Oudin joined us last January. She started as a biochemist at McGill and got her M.Sc. in pharmacology and a Ph.D. in neuroscience from King’s College London. She then completed post-doctoral studies at the Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research at MIT where she brought biologists, chemists, and physicists together. We are thrilled to have her, and she brings great expertise in hardcore biology and imaging and collaboration to Tufts. We are excited to have her in our group and we are looking forward to where she goes. Our second new addition is Srivalleesha Mallidi aka Valli. She is starting in January. received her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in biomedical engineering from the University of Texas at Austin where she developed ultrasound based multi-modality imaging systems for early detection of cancer with targeted nanoprobes. It was a pleasure to have her come to teach in one of my classes, she brings a great energy, and her work on acoustic imaging is a fairly new modality. We are Happy to have her and bring her energy to our group.

DEAN QU: Kyongbum Lee, Chemical and Biological Engineering.

PROF LEE: I am delighted to introduce Nav Nidhi Rajput Nav. She served as a postdoctoral research associate in the Energy Technologies Area Division at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory where she worked on developing infrastructure for high-throughput computations. We are excited because when we were writing the ad and thinking of additional things we wanted – someone into food culture like the rest of us and someone to add diversity – we found it and more in Nav. We also doubled the number of women faculty in our department and she’s going to be great to work and collaborate with.

DEAN QU: Kathleen Fisher, Computer Science.

PROF FISHER: Our department may seem like it’s growing fast because we had four new people last year, but we lost six, so we are not growing as fast as you might think. Karen Edwards is from Harvard and we are delighted to have her here. She spent the spring attending our classes and meetings and is working on a guidance on software; she’s already contributing. Matias Korman received his Ph.D. from Tohoku University in Japan where he has been an assistant professor for the last three years. He works on computational geometry, which is anything you can draw on a piece of paper. We are hoping he continues to educate us in issues of Japan and Spain, where he did his undergrad. Michael Hughes uses his postdoc skills in machine learning by applying it to electronic medical records. He like hiking and kayaking and fishing and on his website, he has pictures to prove it; he’s caught some really ugly fish. Last up, Jeff Foster, who has been a full prof from the University of Maryland for the last 15 years. He has his Ph.D. from Berkeley. His work is about how to tell a computer what to do and making make it less painful for those who do it. He teaches computers to write programs. He also makes chocolate – I was told he has 81lb of chocolate – but it’s too hot to make if it’s below 75 degrees, so make friends now so you can appreciate the chocolates come fall.

DEAN QU: Eric Miller, Electrical and Computer.
PROF MILLER: Steven Bell just received his Ph.D. from Stanford. Research interests include software engineering and image engineering, which sort of sounds like a Franken-camera. He designs little cameras that do high-performance things like the ones on your phone. You’ll see more and more of his technology. He will support our growing program and you’ll see him in data science, as well. Welcome and we are happy to have you.

DEAN QU: Chris Rogers, Mechanical Engineering.

PROF ROGERS: It is my pleasure to introduce Deborah Sunter. She is going drag us into the 21st century. She got her doctorate from Berkeley and she works on converting solar energy to energy that we can use. Using computational modeling and data science techniques, she explores the interface of technology innovation and policy for improved environmental sustainability.

PRESIDENT MONACO: Thank you. At this time, we will introduce the new administrators who have recently joined Tufts. I am also requesting that you hold your applause until the end of the introductions.

New Administrators

PRESIDENT MONACO: I call on Jim Glaser, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

DEAN GLASER: Chris Helmuth, our new Executive Administrative Dean, is out of town today, so I will introduce him at an AS&E meeting. Amanda Rowley is our new Director of Communications. She is responsible for marketing, branding, and bragging about our accomplishments. She works with A&S, the SMFA, and GSAS. She received her B.A in Art History and Architectural Studies from Tufts University and her M.S. in Integrated Marketing with a concentration in Digital Marketing from New York University. She was the Manager of Corporate Communications at AXA Art Americas Corporation and previously worked in communications at Harvard. She is already an indispensable member of our team.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I now call on Nancy Bauer, Dean of the SMFA at Tufts and Dean of Academic Affairs for A&S.

DEAN BAUER: Nate Harrison, who isn’t here today, is the new Dean of Faculty at the SMFA. He is my like sidekick and a member of media arts, for which he was interim chair and because he was so wonderful and well-liked, we appointed him dean of faculty. He’ll take on some of my duties, so you don’t have send me 15 emails before getting a reply. He’s been at the SMFA for ten years and I’m looking forward to working with him.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I call on Dorothy Meaney, Director of Tisch Library.

MS MEANEY: It’s my pleasure to introduce Quetzalli Barrientos, our new Humanities Research and Instruction Librarian. She has been here for three weeks and works closely with the history department and museum studies. She comes to us from American University and she has strong reaching experience, is a frequent presenter at conferences, and is dedicated to diverse experiences. I’m very happy to have her on board, welcome.
PRESIDENT MONACO: I call on Mary Pat McMahon, Dean of Student Affairs.

DEAN McMAHON: Joshua Hartman, our new Director of Residential Life and Learning, joined us in July after a national search to replace Yolanda King. He has a decade of experience managing students and leaders at Whittier, Bucknell, and NYU. Welcome, Josh.

PRESIDENT MONACO: I now call on Mary Jeka, Senior Vice President and General Counsel.

SVP JEKA: I am pleased and delighted to introduce Michael Rodman, Vice President for Communications and Marketing. This is day two for Mike. He joins us from the Harvard Graduate School of Education where he was assistant dean for communications and marketing. Prior to that, assistant director of communications at Harvard Law School and as a speechwriter/researcher for U.S. Representative Steny Hoyer in the Committee on House Administration. Michael has a B.A. in political science from Washington University in St. Louis and a master’s in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School. We’re really delighted and looking forward to working with you – and he said tom that there are a lot of good podcasts in this room, so he might come looking for you.

PRESIDENT MONACO: Thank you to our faculty and staff. Now we will adjourn, and I would like to remind everyone that you are all invited to the Provost’s reception following the meeting in the Alumnae Lounge. The meeting is adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary of the Faculty for Arts, Sciences & Engineering

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