

**Secretary of the Faculty Nomination
from Advisory Committee to Faculty Council:
Professor Vincas (“Vin”) Steponaitis**

The Secretary of the Faculty is an essential position, providing cohesive direction and administration of the Office of Faculty Governance and the many committees of the Faculty. The Secretary provides a unifying voice through service *ex officio* on a wide variety of committees, offering a cross-institutional perspective. The Secretary organizes and chairs the Nominating Committee, oversees the annual elections of the General Faculty and Faculty Council, composes and delivers citations for honorary degrees and special awards at Commencement and University Day, and presides as the parliamentarian at Faculty Council. As such, the Secretary is expected to be knowledgeable about the organization and administration of the University and well experienced with the governing documents, processes and procedures of Faculty Governance.

The Chancellor’s Advisory Committee undertook its charge to nominate the next Secretary of the Faculty through a deliberative process of describing the position and reaching out broadly to campus faculty for nominations and self nominations. The Committee met to thoroughly consider all nominations received. By that process, we reached a unanimous decision to nominate Vin Steponaitis for the position of Secretary of the Faculty.

Vin Steponaitis, Professor of Anthropology and Chair of the Curriculum in Archaeology, has repeatedly demonstrated his deep commitment to both the University and its Faculty Governance. Vin has been a member of the Carolina Faculty since 1988. He has served as a member of the Committee on University Government for more than 15 years, and as its chair since 2009. He is currently completing his third term on Faculty Council, for a total service of almost nine years. During each of his terms, he has been appointed to the Agenda Committee, on which he has served continuously since 2011. Over the past three years he has been a member of the Faculty Executive Committee.

We on the Chancellor’s Advisory Committee are exceptionally pleased by Vin’s interest in serving in this important role. We are impressed by his long and broad experience at UNC–Chapel Hill and in Faculty Governance that has prepared him so well for this position. We fully expect Vin Steponaitis will be an excellent Secretary of the Faculty.