

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM

Name: T.J. McCarthy

Academic Track and Rank: Teaching Professor

Department/School: Department of Public Policy & Management, Price School of Public Policy

Graduate degrees (with year, university, and discipline):

PhD (2012) and MA (2007), Economics, University of California-Davis

Major academic responsibilities:

Teaching: I teach courses in applied econometrics, economics, and cost-benefit analysis at the undergraduate, master's, and doctoral levels. I have taught eight different Price School courses (three of which I created), all of which serve as required courses for at least one degree program. I also teach three 12-hour graduate statistics labs each year and am active in doctoral advising, including service on ten completed dissertation committees and twelve qualifying exam committees in the past ten years (chairing one of each). I was a member of the inaugural cohort of the USC Center for Excellence in Teaching's Faculty Fellows Leadership Institute and regularly provide support to other instructors and serve as a teaching mentor for PhD students.

Research: Although research is not required by my appointment, I have done work in health, education, and veterans policy. I have collaborated on interdisciplinary projects with colleagues at USC Keck and Children's Hospital Los Angeles on topics including the use of antibiotics in treating children with ear infections to the cost of diagnostic imaging discrepancies in a pediatric emergency setting.

Previous service on USC, Senate, or school committees:

USC/Senate Committees

- Academic Senate Committee on Finances and Enrollment, 2020-2022, 2025-present
- Committee on Academic Policies and Procedures (CAPP), 2019-present
- CAPP Petitions Panel, 2019-present
- Academic Senate Committee on Compensation and Benefits (*co-chair*), 2022-2025
- Senator, Academic Senate, 2018-2020 and 2022-2025
- Steering Committee, Project Full View, 2020-2023
- Academic Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning, 2021-2022
- Academic Senate Task Force on Pay Equity and Salary Transparency, 2020-2022
- Academic Senate Committee on Research, Teaching, Practitioner, and Clinical-Track Faculty Affairs (previously "Non-Tenure Track Faculty Affairs"), 2014-2020 (*co-chair*, 2018-2020)
- Academic Senate Committee on Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty Affairs, 2018-2020
- Academic Senate Committee on Part-Time Faculty Affairs, 2018-2020

Price School Committees

- Faculty Council, 2024-present (*including chair of committee on merit review*)
- Master of Public Policy & MS in Public Policy Data Science Program Committee, 2022-present
- BS in Public Policy Program Committee, 2022-2025
- Dean's Office Review Committee for Executive Master of Leadership Program, 2021-2022
- Master of Public Policy Curriculum Review Committee, 2020-2021
- Academic Affairs Committee, 2019-2021
- Teaching Excellence Committee, 2019-2020
- Public Policy Field Committee (*chair*), 2016-2019
- Master of Health Administration Program Committee, 2014-2015
- Master of Public Policy Program Committee, 2012-2015
- Undergraduate Program Committee, 2012-2015
- Doctor of Policy, Planning, and Development Program Committee, 2013-2014

Previous administrative responsibilities at USC:

I served as Vice Chair of the Department of Public Policy from 2019-2021 and as director of Price's BS in Public Policy, Master of Public Policy, and MS in Public Policy Data Science programs from 2016-2021.

Previous service to scholarly or professional associations:

- Board of Directors, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM), 2023-present
- Mentor, APPAM Mentor Matching Program, 2024-present
- Undergraduate Education Community (*co-chair*), APPAM, 2023-present
- Committee of Institutional Representatives, APPAM, 2020-present
- Dissertation Award Review Committee (*chair*), APPAM, 2026
- Research and Data Science Committee, Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA), 2020-2023

Personal statement: why do you want to serve in this role for the Senate? What are your goals for the Senate?

I'm honored to be nominated for this position, and am ready to step into this leadership role after serving in Academic Senate committees every year since 2014 and co-chairing the Committee on Compensation and Benefits and the RTPC Faculty Affairs Committee for a total of five years. I have seen how the work of the Academic Senate can contribute to the university's mission, culture, and faculty environment, and I see an opportunity to be useful and believe that I'm equipped to do so. My professional expertise as a labor economist should be valuable given the challenges facing universities in general and USC specifically, and I have experience with all levels of university governance that leaves me well positioned to step into this role and be effective. Despite some past failures of USC leadership to live up to our principles of meaningful faculty involvement in governance, I remain confident that collaborative governance is the best means of getting USC back onto a strong trajectory for the future and rebuilding a better professional environment for our faculty.