

## **2015-2016 Faculty Senate Biographies of Officer Candidates**

### **Chair**

**Reid Oetjen** currently serves as the chair of the Faculty Senate at the University of Central Florida. Dr. Oetjen is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Health Management and Informatics. Dr. Oetjen teaches courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Dr. Oetjen focuses his teaching on long-term care administration, aging populations, healthcare quality management, leadership, and human resources management. Dr. Oetjen has numerous peer-reviewed publications and regularly presents his research at academic and practitioner conferences. His research foci are on the long-term care quality, developing tools for healthcare practitioners, and the scholarship of teaching and learning. In addition to his academic experience, Dr. Oetjen served as an Assistant Administrator for a national Skilled Nursing Facility chain and spent 10 years as an operations manager for a major international airline.

In addition to his University service, he is very active within the College of Health and Public Affairs and the Department of Health Management & Informatics. Reid is also active in several national professional organizations, including the Association of University Programs in Health Administration and the Academy of Management. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the Pennsylvania State University in 1990, his Master of Science degree from the University of Central Florida in 2002, and his Ph.D. from the University of Central Florida in 2004.

### **Vice Chair**

Keith Koons has been a member of the UCF Music Department faculty since 1990 and currently is Professor of Music and Graduate Coordinator. He also serves as an Associate Director of the School of Performing Arts. His teaching areas include clarinet, woodwind techniques, and chamber music. A native of Maryland, he received his training at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (BME), the Manhattan School of Music (MM in clarinet performance), and the University of Southern California (DMA in clarinet performance).

He has served for many years in the UCF Faculty Senate, and previously served as Secretary for 1993-1995 and 2013-2014. He was elected and served in the position of Vice Chair for 2014-2015.

Dr. Koons has served in leadership positions in the Southern Chapter of the College Music Society, including Secretary/Treasurer and President. He was the founding Chair of the International Clarinet Association Research Presentation Committee, and also served the Association as Research Coordinator and Library Liaison. He served as ICA President from 2010-2012.

Dr. Koons is an experienced performer in orchestra, opera, band, and chamber music, as well as a veteran clinician and recitalist. He has performed as a member of the Arkansas Symphony

Orchestra, the opera companies of Orlando, Arkansas, Annapolis, the Aspen Festival Orchestra, and many others. He has performed and lectured at clarinet festivals and academic conferences throughout the United States and Europe, including ICA ClarinetFests in Italy, Chicago, Ohio, Utah, Belgium, Portugal, Texas, Los Angeles, Nebraska, and Louisiana. He has performed as Principal Clarinet in the Brevard Symphony Orchestra in Melbourne, FL since 1992, and also performs with the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra.

## **Secretary**

**Thomas Bryer** is Associate Professor and director of the Center for Public and Nonprofit Management in the School of Public Administration, College of Health and Public Affairs. He teaches primarily graduate and doctoral courses on cross-sector collaboration, civic engagement, and nonprofit administration. He has received numerous awards while at UCF, including TIP, RIA, SoTL, the university Professional Service Award, college level excellence awards for graduate teaching and research, and he is an inaugural recipient of a Reach for the Stars research award.

Dr. Bryer is widely published in the top journals in his discipline and serves on the editorial board of two of those journals—*Public Administration Review* and *Public Performance and Management Review*. He is the author of *Higher Education beyond Job Creation: Universities, Citizenship, and Community* (Lexington Books, 2014) and editor of *National Service and Volunteerism: Achieving Impact in Our Communities* (Lexington Books, 2015). Dr. Bryer has also delivered keynote talks at international conferences in Chile, The Netherlands, Lithuania, and South Korea, and he is overseeing a contract with a consortium of Romanian local governments to deliver professional development certifications in public and city management. He served on the Senate from 2011-2013 representing the School of Public Administration, again in 2013 as acting at-large COHPA Senator, and he is elected to a full term as COHPA at-large Senator beginning in 2014. He has served on graduate appeals committee, graduate curriculum committee, and on the steering committee, and he served as secretary for the 2014-2015 year.