

Team Roster

Name of Institution: Rochester Institute of Technology
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Type of Review: Self-Study Review

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Statement of Ethical Conduct Received: 7/2/2025

Education:

Previous Professional Experience:

MSCHE Service:

- Served as Chair/Co-Chair/Vice Chair: 1
- Served as Vice Chair:
- Team Member Count: 0
- Served as PRR Reviewer: 0
- Served as MPPR Reviewer: 0

Vice Chair **Dr. James F. Trainer**
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Statement of Ethical Conduct Received: 10/2/2025

Education:

Delaware Valley College / BS / Food Industry

The Pennsylvania State University / PhD / Higher Education

Previous Professional Experience:

Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium / Director / Other / 11/16/1992 to 7/28/2000

MSCHE Service:

- Served as Chair/Co-Chair/Vice Chair: 1
- Served as Vice Chair: 1
- Team Member Count: 9
- Served as PRR Reviewer: 4
- Served as MPPR Reviewer: 0

Team Member **Prof. Mohamed Mohamed Nagib Abou-Zeid**
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Education:

University of Kansas / PhD / Engineering

Previous Professional Experience:

The American University in Cairo / Professor, Former School Dean & Former Senate Chair / Faculty / 9/1/1997 to

The American University in Cairo / Dean of the School of Sciences and Engineering / Dean / 12/1/2015 to 8/15/2016

The American University in Cairo / University Senate Chair / Other / 8/17/2015 to 8/15/2017

MSCHE Service:

- Served as Chair/Co-Chair/Vice Chair: 0

- Served as Vice Chair:
- Team Member Count: 4
- Served as PRR Reviewer: 0
- Served as MPPR Reviewer: 0

**Team
Member**

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Statement of Ethical Conduct Received: 11/18/2025

Education:

Duquesne University / Masters of Science / Management
Carlow College / Bachelors of Science / Accounting

Previous Professional Experience:

Duquesne University / Associate VP & Treasurer / Other / 8/18/2017 to 10/4/2021
Duquesne University / Assistant VP & Treasurer / Other / 10/17/2016 to 8/18/2017
Carnegie Mellon University / Assistant Treasurer / Other / 9/16/2013 to 10/14/2016
Carnegie Mellon University / Associate Director of Financial Services- Facilities Management Services / Other / 3/5/2012 to 9/13/2013

MSCHE Service:

- Served as Chair/Co-Chair/Vice Chair: 0
- Served as Vice Chair:
- Team Member Count: 2
- Served as PRR Reviewer: 0
- Served as MPPR Reviewer: 0

**Team
Member**

Dr. Lorraine N Fleming

Professor of Civil Engineering
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Statement of Ethical Conduct Received: 9/27/2025

Education:

Howard University / BS / Civil Engineering
George Washington University / MS / Civil Engineering
University of California, Berkeley / PhD / Civil Engineering

Previous Professional Experience:

Howard University / Former Dean (interim), College of Engineering, Arch & Comp Science / Dean / 7/1/2013 to 1/15/2016

MSCHE Service:

- Served as Chair/Co-Chair/Vice Chair: 0
- Served as Vice Chair: 1
- Team Member Count: 9
- Served as PRR Reviewer: 0
- Served as MPPR Reviewer: 0

**Team
Member****Dr. Justin Lauka**

Assistant Clinical Professor
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Statement of Ethical Conduct Received: 11/10/2025

Education:

Old Dominion University / Ph.D. / Counselor Education and Supervision

Regent University / M.A. / Counseling

Michigan State University / B.A. / Psychology

Previous Professional Experience:

Adler University / Associate Professor and Program Director / Faculty / 7/1/2014 to 6/28/2019

Northern Illinois University / Clinical Director / Other / 7/7/2011 to 6/30/2014

MSCHE Service:

- Served as Chair/Co-Chair/Vice Chair: 0
- Served as Vice Chair:
- Team Member Count: 1
- Served as PRR Reviewer: 0
- Served as MPPR Reviewer: 0

**Team
Member****Prof. Jennifer M Swann**

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Education:

Northwestern / PhD / reproductive endocrinology

Florida State / MS / Psychobiology

Penn State / BS / psychology/premedicine

Previous Professional Experience:

Lehigh University / Professor / Faculty / 8/1/1995 to 7/1/2030

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Newark Campus / Associate Professor / Faculty / 8/1/1987 to 7/31/1995

Lehigh University / Ombud / Other / 7/1/2021 to

MSCHE Service:

- Served as Chair/Co-Chair/Vice Chair: 0
- Served as Vice Chair: 2
- Team Member Count: 5
- Served as PRR Reviewer: 0
- Served as MPPR Reviewer: 0

**Team
Member****Dr. Helen Thumann**

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Education:

Univ Of California at Berkeley / PhD / Special Education

Gallaudet University / MA / Deaf Education

Univ of Texas at Austin / BS / Communication Sciences & Disorders

Previous Professional Experience:

Gallaudet University / Director, Accreditation, Certification, and Licensure / Other / 1/5/2015 to 8/15/2020

Gallaudet University / Faculty Fellow: Accreditation/Professor Department of Education / Other / 7/1/2013 to 12/31/2014

Gallaudet University / Chair, Department of Education/Professor / Faculty / 7/15/2010 to 7/1/2013

Gallaudet University / UG Program Director/Assoc Prof, Department of Education / Faculty / 8/15/2002 to 7/15/2010

MSCHE Service:

- Served as Chair/Co-Chair/Vice Chair: 0

- Served as Vice Chair:
- Team Member Count: 1
- Served as PRR Reviewer: 0
- Served as MPPR Reviewer: 0

Non-Team Members

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