



2021 Candidates for the Campus Club Board of Directors

Sauman (Sue) Chu

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs + a Graphic Design
Professor at the College of Design

Chu's current research focuses on applying human-centered design in solving health related communication. Human-centered design is a creative approach to problem solving that starts and ends with users with the goal of building a deep empathy about the users one intends designing for. Her research challenges the norm by bringing users to the center of design decisions. Her papers were published in both design and medical journals. In addition, she actively engages students in service-learning activities. Over the past twenty years, her students completed more than 70 projects for over 50 different organizations through a service learning approach. Chu believes that service learning provides opportunity for students to engage in an important contribution to the community and learn about the social and cultural values of diverse communities. Chu is honored along the UMN Scholar's Walk with the 2018-2019 Morse-Alumni award as a Distinguished Teacher.



Molly Portz

Assistant Dean for International Programs

Molly joined the staff of the University of Minnesota six months after the re-opening of the Campus Club in its current location. During those eighteen years, she has held positions in the Academic Health Center - Office of Communications and the Global Programs and Strategy Alliance. In her current role, Molly supports the Dean and advances the internationalization agenda at the university by convening stakeholders, reducing institutional barriers, and promoting opportunities for global engagement. She oversees partnerships with universities abroad and frequently hosts international visitors, often at the Campus Club.



Virajita Singh

Associate Vice Provost in the Office of Equity and Diversity
+ a Senior Research Fellow at the College of Design

Virajita brings her expertise in design thinking, public interest design, and partnership studies to catalyze and support equity and diversity work of colleges and other academic units across the University. Her portfolio includes the College MADE Initiative that supports the advancement of equity, diversity & inclusion in the 17 colleges across the UMN – Twin Cities Campus, facilitating the Diversity Community of Practice and coordinating the Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) Initiative. Virajita is also faculty at the College of Design where she leads the Design for Community Resilience program she founded at the Center for Sustainable Building Research working with rural and urban communities to meet their needs using regenerative design. Her current research includes applying participatory design to “Back to Indigenous Futures,” a Grand Challenges Research project working with her interdisciplinary university colleagues in collaboration with Dakota and Micronesian community members in western Minnesota.



Sheri Stone

Director of Human Resources and Organization Development
for the Libraries

Sheri has been a member of the Campus Club since 2008 when she joined the University of Minnesota in the Office of Human Resources in Labor and Employee Relations. Prior to joining the University, Sheri worked in the airline industry negotiating labor contracts, attended the Carlson School of Management obtaining her MAHRIR, worked in social services and obtained her BS in Business and Industry education from the College of Education and Human Development. Sheri has been co-owner of a small vineyard since December 2011, located in southwestern Minnesota, creating food products rather than wine. Sheri and her husband enjoy finding the perfect food and wine pairing in their spare time. Sheri is a longstanding Gopher Fan and has mentored CSOM undergraduates assisting them with career advice.

