



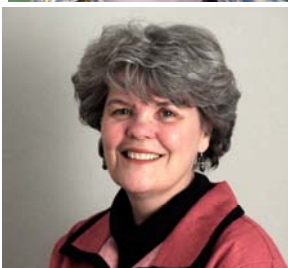
**Jim Kurose** is Dean and Distinguished Professor of Computer Science. A dedicated researcher specializing in computer networking, he also is the co-PI of the Collaborative Adaptive Sensing of the Atmosphere (CASA), an interdisciplinary NSF Engineering Research Center at UMass Amherst. Kurose, an award-winning teacher and textbook author, is also active in national and state efforts in computer science and information technology.



Associate Dean for Academic Affairs **Julian Tyson** is responsible for matters involving faculty including promotion, tenure, and sabbatical and other leaves. He serves as the Dean's representative on a number of university committees, including the Undergraduate Deans Council. At the college level, he is a member of the Curriculum Committee, Faculty Awards, Scholarship Committee, and EASAGE.



Associate Dean for Research **Stephen Burns** is responsible for overseeing the research priorities, interdisciplinary collaborations, and building and facilities projects of the college. He serves as the Dean's representative on a number of university committees, including the Research Deans Council and Research Leadership in Action.



Director of Development **Laurie Benoit** is responsible for NSM's comprehensive development program and serves as the principal fundraising strategist. She serves as advisor to the Dean on fund-raising matters, provides leadership for development staff, and works closely with the College Advisory Council.



Business Manager **Kim Renier** is the fiscal officer for the College of NSM. She is responsible for overseeing and monitoring varied financial components on operations within the Dean's Office and departments within the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. She is the liaison on financial matters between the departments and central administrative offices, including financial activity requests.



Personnel Manager **Cheryl Daggett** is responsible for oversight of all Human Resource issues within the College. She is also responsible for facilitating faculty review processes including tenure, promotion, sabbatical leaves, merit and anomaly recommendations, and searches. She plays a key role in assisting with the College's commencement and social/honorary events each year.



Special Projects and Outreach Manager **Jane Markarian** works closely with the Dean and is the liaison with NSM department heads, faculty, staff and University central administration. She serves as key contact for AQAD reviews, the Dean's Excellence Initiatives, and other college-wide projects.



Communications Manager **Elena Sharnoff** creates marketing and communication materials including the NSM newsletter, brochures, and posters. She manages the NSM Website and serves as the NSM contact to the media. She also develops written materials for the Dean.



Facility Manager **Steve Ball** oversees and coordinates maintenance and renovation projects within the college. Hi also serves as primary contact and liaison with campus departments, including Facilities Planning, Physical Plant, Environmental Health and Safety.



Major Gift Officer **Keith McKittrick** serves as the major gift fund raiser for the College. He plans, organizes and directs programs to secure major gifts, and builds stronger relationships with alumni, parents and business leaders.



Dean's Assistant **Vickie Rupp** works for the Dean in calendar coordination, meeting and event planning, correspondence, and the processing of documents. She serves as Office Manager, overseeing the daily work of the office staff.



Receptionist **Emily West** is the administrative assistant /receptionist for the NSM Dean's Office. She is the first point of contact for students, faculty, staff and administrators, who are contacting the Dean's Office. She offers support to the Dean's Office, including travel, arranging meetings and assisting with projects and events.



Personnel and Financial Assistant **Jessica Sadowski** assists the Personnel and Business Managers with daily operations. She is responsible for receiving forms from departments, verifying the accuracy of information and submitting paperwork in a timely manner. She monitors and tracks all incoming paperwork as well as distributes department reports, mailings, as necessary.