Biography:
Saif Benjaafar is the Seth Bonder Collegiate Professor and Professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering. Prior to joining the University of Michigan, he was McKnight Presidential Endowed Professor and Distinguished McKnight University Professor at the University of Minnesota where he also served as Head of the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, Director of the University of Minnesota Initiative on the Sharing Economy, and as Director for the Center for Supply Chain Research. He is a founding member of the Singapore University of Technology and Design where he served as a Head of Pillar (at the rank of Dean). He has broad research interests in operations (supply chains, service systems, and markets) and other applications of optimization, stochastic modeling, and game theory. His current research focus is on sustainable operations and innovative business models, including sharing economy, on-demand services, and online marketplaces. He has consulted widely with leading companies and organizations such as Honeywell, General Mills, 3M, and the World Bank. He is a board member of Hourcar, a social car sharing organization. He is a Fellow of INFORMS and IISE and Editor in Chief of the INFORMS journal Service Science.

Position Statement:
I am honored to be nominated for the college of engineering executive committee. If selected, I will strive to represent the interests and shared values of our faculty, staff, and students and to uphold a commitment to excellence. I will work with colleagues and the leadership of the college to support efforts to broaden access to opportunities for all faculty, staff, and students and remove barriers to success. I will also work on efforts to increase collaboration across the college and with other units of the university, broaden and adapt our educational offerings to meet the evolving needs of our students and society, and enhance our engagement with the community and industry. In doing so, I will bring to the role extensive academic leadership experience and a track record of building successful large multidisciplinary efforts.