

RE: Seeking Nominations for the Position of Academic Ombud

Dear Faculty Colleagues,

Nominations and applications for the position of Academic Ombud are now being accepted for the 2021-2022 academic year. This is a half-time appointment but may require more hours throughout the academic year. The term will begin July 1, 2021 and may be renewed for a second year. The Office of the Academic Ombud serves a critical role in assisting students, faculty, and administration in dispute resolution and the management of difficult academic issues.

The Ombud must be well informed about academic policies and regulations, should have experience in dispute resolution, and should possess outstanding communication and interpersonal skills. Qualifications, as established by *Senate Rule 6.2.2*, are that the Ombud must be either a tenured member of the faculty or a member of the emeriti faculty who is able to perform with fairness, discretion and efficiency and who is regarded by students as one genuinely interested in their welfare. Opportunities for training and continuing education are available.

As Senate Council Chair, with the advice of the Senate Council and in consultation with the Provost, I have appointed a search committee to accept nominations and applications from interested faculty. Interested applicants should compile the following application materials:

- 1) A letter of interest;
- 2) A statement of their philosophy which articulates their vision for student success and the intersection of that with the role of an Academic Ombud;
- 3) A current curriculum vita (CV);
- 4) At least two letters of support, including one from a student, preferably a student who has taken a course with you; and
- 5) An indication of support from your department chair should also be included, either as part of a more thorough letter of support or as a brief statement indicating willingness to allow the appointment.

These materials should be sent to Jennifer Siebenthaler, Ombud Search Committee Chair, at jwsiebenthaler@uky.edu. Review of applications will begin on or about April 12 through April 19, 2021.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter,

Sincerely,

Senate Council Chair