

Dear Colleagues,

I am seeking re-election as one of your faculty trustees, a position I have held since 2016. I have an extensive track record in faculty governance, and have the experience, knowledge, judgment, and commitment needed to represent you. I have served on the COM Faculty Council, University Senate, and the University Senate Council. As University Senate Council Chair (2012-2014), I lead actions that resulted in a reduction in university-wide budget cuts proposed by President Capilouto.

In three years on the Board, I have been a vocal trustee.

- I publicly criticized the University's decision to sue the *Kentucky Kernel*.
- I voted against the "Schnatter Institute" based on concerns that the agreement did not protect academic freedom.
- I voted against renaming Commonwealth Stadium "Kroger Field" because "Commonwealth Stadium" reflects our mission as a flagship, land-grant university.
- I delivered a statement to the Board that denounced a provision in the 2018 KY Biennial Budget that undermined tenure and academic freedom. The University Senate voted to endorse my statement and communicate this to the President and Board.
- I defended the faculty's right to control the curriculum in reaction to comments by the governor.
- I regularly connect with faculty across campus and communicate with administrators and trustees regarding matters of significance.

The faculty trustee position requires leadership by an individual who understands our challenges, fights for principles, and advocates on behalf of faculty. My credentials are based on a long-term record of standing up for all faculty, not simply members of one college or unit. I do not represent any interest group and am beholden to no one. My sole purpose in running for re-election is to promote the overall welfare of the University and to represent the University Faculty on the Board of Trustees.

I would be honored to have your vote.