

Dear Colleagues

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy for faculty trustee. I am running for this position because I am truly committed to shared governance of this great institution. We all understand well the challenges facing the University and higher education generally. I believe that I am well suited provide a strong faculty voice on the board as we face those challenges.

As the University continues to face both dwindling state funding and increased demand on resources, faculty input in policy making is more important than ever. In the 20 years I have been at UK, we have seen unprecedented growth to the north (UK Athletics) and the south (UK Medical Center). While the central core of the campus has grown and prospered, often it is here where the pressure is felt, and it is here where my interest is focused. While the edges of campus grow, and the institution relies more and more on privatization of services and revenue generation, we need to continually advocate for traditional academic values of free inquiry, access for our students, inclusiveness, and service to the community.

I have the background to provide that advocacy. Through such varied experiences as chairing two mayoral transitions, working on a substantial review of UK Athletics, and chairing the committee to review faculty performance evaluations, I have developed the ability to provide strong, yet respectful, advocacy; experience in collaborative decision-making; and experience with complex financial, legal and policy problems. Perhaps most important I can and will serve as a conduit to transmit your concerns to the Board.

I understand that this is an important choice and appreciate the care and thought that goes into such a vote. I hope that you will look carefully at my background and choose me for your next faculty trustee.

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