

## SHELDON STEINER ELECTION BIOSKETCH

With apologies, for the "I love me" aspect of the following.

I have had a broad range of experiences at UK in teaching, research, and service. As a Department of Biology faculty member, I have been actively engaged in teaching and research. My teaching activities have predominately been at the undergraduate level in which I routinely teach large lecture courses. Among my proudest "awards" is an acknowledgment of my teaching impact. I was chosen, by the graduating seniors, as a top 10 teacher in Arts and Sciences, all but one year that the award was offered. For most of my academic career, I have been an active researcher with grant awards from the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the American Cancer Society, as well as an industrial award from Phoenix Pharmacologics and an American Cancer Society five year Career Development Award. I have also been a research collaborator with others at UK. I have mentored many predoctoral and master's candidates and have served on numerous predoctoral committees for students of other Biology faculty and faculty from various units and colleges at UK. My service activities have resulted in my exposure to diverse issues and people throughout campus. A sampling of these activities includes, chair of the Department of Biology, chair and member of the Undergraduate Council, and member of the Faculty Senate Council, University Faculty Senate (multiple terms), University Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities (UCAPP), Biological Sciences Area Committee (multiple terms) and the most recent university Presidential Search Committee. In addition, I have served on many departmental committees.

The above sampling of my university-related activities illustrates the diversity of my activities and experiences, which gives me a breadth of understanding of the different functions and needs of the various UK units and colleges. To be valuable, such awareness must be coupled with a willingness to fight for needed changes and new initiatives. I have been a consistent voice for the need for brick and mortar projects for undergraduate and graduate research and teaching in the Faculty Senate Council, Faculty Senate, and as a member of the Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities and the most recent university Presidential Search Committee. In fact, Provost Swamy acknowledged my consistent urging for more investment in undergraduate education, when at a meeting of the University Senate, last semester, he indicated (not sure of the exact words) that "he got the message from Shelly" that more investment needs to be made in undergraduate education. As a member of the most recent university Presidential Search Committee, I argued in support of a candidate who is an academic "pro" versus a less academically endowed candidate. Moreover, I stressed the critical importance of the faculty judgment in the selection of a new president and in the future success of the University of Kentucky.

In view of these considerations, I ask for your support in this most important job.