

My candidacy is not about what I want to bring to the BOT. It is about what YOU want brought there. Our University faces numerous challenges about which the administration has not sought faculty input. Superficial consultations and token faculty membership on committees where the administrators decide most issues are only an imitation of shared governance. Faculty must demand transparency and accountability in policy decisions. As faculty, we best understand our university's needs and potential, we have the greatest stake in its future, and we – not consultants and bureaucrats on their way to the next job - must have a real voice in determining that future.

Regrettably, many of us have been demoralized by the lack of transparency and accountability of our administration. A first critical step is to engage and unite faculty. The opinion polls conducted by trustee Voro and the petition drive led by Profs. Black, Yanarella and Christ (my wife) were a good start. However, the faculty needs a permanent venue to express its opinions, perhaps anonymously, and be heard. If elected, I'll establish such a site where we all could discuss any issue of concern - like the contribution to the university of its 32 vice-presidents and their offices – and develop a common line for faculty trustees to follow.

Shared governance is what we must pursue together. Our trustees must express faculty views jointly and with a clear mandate: results will follow. I can do this together with Dr. Voro and I ask for your vote.