I have a long history of involvement in University Senate and faculty governance affairs. I was the driving force for the 2005 reform of the faculty's rules for handling cases of academic offenses. I have twice been elected by faculty Senators to the Senate Council, and I served a year as its vice-chair. More recently, I have served on the Senate's Rules and Elections committee. (I have recused myself from discussions of this election.) Outside of UK, I have served as board member and president of the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass, and I have been a member of Lexington's Bicycle–Pedestrian Advisory Committee. I continue to maintain an active program of teaching and research in organic chemistry.

If I am elected, my primary goal would be to help keep the trustees focused laser-like on the University's tripartite mission of research, instruction, and service. I have tried to be a voice of reason and moderation in the Senate, and I hope to continue that policy on the Board of Trustees. I am sure that the current administration works toward the best interests of the University as it sees them, but it is sometimes necessary for faculty to advocate strongly for a change in policy or direction (as we saw in Fall 2012). I have shown an ability both to work collaboratively and to speak truth to power, if necessary. I believe I can be a strong and constructive advocate for UK faculty, and I hope you will agree.