

Kearney Bio

I have devoted my entire academic career to the University of Kentucky. The past 25 years have seen remarkable growth at both the graduate and undergraduate level. Like many colleges and universities, UK has experienced a disproportionate rise in bureaucracy and attendant administrative costs. Meanwhile, undergraduate and graduate tuition costs continue to rise and faculty salaries are stagnant. This is simply not a formula for success. Rising administrative costs do not yield improved educational quality. Talented, underpaid faculty will leave, affordable tuition will evaporate and administrative costs will continue to rise. I have served on a host of Medical Center and COM committees related to clinical practice, faculty promotions, teaching, trauma, and research. This includes my current position on the UKCOM faculty council. I have watched as undergraduate and graduate faculty are pitted against one another for limited funds while administrative costs drain the bank accounts. This election is about the students and the talented faculty who teach them. The Board of Trustees needs a voice that will speak for the students and the faculty. I have the experience, recognition, and longevity to be that voice.