

Whiteheart Election Statement

I have had the privilege of being involved in various activities during my tenure at our institution that span teaching, research, service, and some administration. These experiences and my interactions with fellow faculty shape the perspectives that I will bring to the Board of Trustees. As UK faces the challenges of modern academia, it is critical that we focus on the purpose of a University: scholarship and education. Our role, as Faculty, is to teach, generate new knowledge, and prepare our students for future challenges. We must train students to think independently and to be productive citizens in an evolving world. Regardless of changing financial realities, we cannot lose sight of these core goals. Our resources must be directed to producing the best students possible by exposing them to the cutting edges of knowledge and academic endeavor.

People who know me have asked why I am running for Trustee. My reason is simple: I owe this University a great deal. By serving as a Trustee, I can help ensure that the intellectual environment that nurtured a young faculty member 20 years ago continues to thrive as we move forward. It is important that we maintain our academic standards and our emphasis on scholarly endeavors. Our students deserve that. As a Trustee, I will ask a simple question about all actions and decisions: Does it advance UK's mission of education and scholarship? If given the opportunity, I will represent the interests and goals of you, the Faculty of our University.