

I volunteered for the position of faculty representative on the Board of Trustees because I know that I can be an effective voice for the concerns of all faculty. I have been a regular title series faculty member at the University of Kentucky for the last 29 years. As a tenured full professor, I have served on numerous University committees including the Faculty Council and University Senate. In addition, I was Interim Director of the Markey Cancer Center and have been a member of the KMSF Board. For the last 12 years I have been Chief of the General Surgery division which has grown to over 30 faculty. During my tenure I was responsible for recruiting and hiring 34 faculty, helping them negotiate contracts as well as providing the necessary infrastructure and mentorship to allow them to pursue a successful career. I have been in the position to understand the most important issues to faculty and have always had their interests in mind. As a faculty representative on the Board of Trustees I would provide invaluable experience in dealing with faculty matters, administration, finance, and regulatory affairs. In addition to my involvement at the University I have established important relationships with leaders in the community and believe that this would be beneficial to advancing the University's mission. My time and service during the last 29 years will certainly be recognized by the other members of the mission of the Board and will allow me to advocate effectively for those issues which matter most to all faculty. At this point in my career I have attained the experience, ability, and security to understand the complexities of accomplishing the University goals and I will be able to devote the necessary time to ensure success.