

I believe in strong Faculty values. My purpose in running for the Board of Trustees is to represent our Faculty, promote our welfare, and give us a strong, active voice on the Board. As your trustee, I will make certain that our UK Faculty have a prominent seat at the table and a clear, principled voice in the discussions when trustees consider university policies.

UK is in a moment of transformation and growth. For some of our Faculty, this brings great anticipation and excitement; for others, it is a cause of stress and concern. The relevance of our Faculty is one of the most critical issues we face. I think it's important to represent and advocate for the purpose and significance of our Faculty and the institutes of higher education they represent. At UK, it's particularly important to emphasize the role and place of our land-grant, high research activity institution as these roles relate to the contributions of UK to the Commonwealth — economic, education, and medical and research advances. We, as Faculty, are the core of the University. We have our boots on the ground daily, and ultimately have the capacity to create a population of educated and skilled members of society who can move the Commonwealth forward.

Unfortunately, all too often, our Faculty has not been afforded a strong collective Faculty voice and role in shared governance. I want to change that as your Faculty Trustee. As a university senator for the past six years, chair of the Senate Academic Programs Committee, and senate council member, I have become familiar with and worked with our Faculty across all colleges while helping you navigate the bureaucratic systems in place. In my roles, I have been a strong leader and advocate for our Faculty, students, and university. Through this engagement and leadership, I have learned more about our strengths and challenges. Further, I have spent the past 11 years working collaboratively with our Faculty across the Colleges of Engineering, Arts and Sciences, Design, and Agriculture, Food and Environment. This collective experience has expanded my perspective on issues germane to the well-being and function of our university.

In closing, I am dedicated to helping drive true, transformative change that supports a diverse and inclusive culture, creative and innovative curriculum, and engagement across and beyond disciplinary and cultural boundaries for our Faculty and students. I appreciate the opportunity to be considered as one of your Faculty Trustees. I look forward to continuing to use my skills, experience and energy for many more years as a woman in STEM Education and an active and engaged member of our Faculty Community. Thank you for the opportunity to share my vision. I appreciate your consideration of my candidacy.

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