

## Jenny Minier

Professor, Economics

Faculty Trustee Election Statement 2020

We have only two faculty trustees, and they should represent the diversity of faculty experiences across campus. I have a broad background in research, teaching, and service, and I've worked closely with colleagues from many parts of campus – I can represent our shared interests. As a trustee, I would be independent, accessible, and reasonable.

**RESEARCH:** I'm a full professor who came to UK in 2004, and my research in economic growth and international trade has been published in top economics journals. I was a [Fulbright Scholar](#) in Belgium on a six-month research grant in 2012, and have been a member of the economics review panel for the [National Science Foundation](#). In addition, I was a co-editor of one of the oldest journals in economics for three years.

**TEACHING:** I've taught at the undergraduate, MBA, and Ph.D. levels, and have received several teaching awards. I've directed and served on the dissertation committees of multiple students in economics, as well as students in public policy, agricultural economics, and finance. I have a secondary appointment in the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration, and I regularly work with undergraduate economics majors from both the Gatton College of Business and Economics and the College of Arts and Sciences. I directed our [Ph.D. program in economics](#) for three years, handling recruitment, funding, academic advising, and placement for a program of approximately 40 total students.

**SERVICE:** Through university service, I've learned about many other parts of campus and how they operate. I chaired the Senate Advisory Committee on Privilege and Tenure (SACPT) for two active years (2017-19); this committee handles faculty appeals of tenure denials on procedural grounds, and advises the President when the administration initiates termination proceedings against a tenured faculty member. I've served on Graduate Council, and am on the advisory board of the [Center for Equality and Social Justice](#). I've also served on various university-wide committees, including the committee that approved courses to satisfy the Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR) for all undergraduate majors, and the committees to review the College of Arts and Sciences (2012) and the Department of Agricultural Economics (2011).

The role of faculty trustee is not only to understand and represent the faculty experience, but also to connect with people outside of academia and enhance their understanding of the University. This has always been especially important for public universities, but has become even more imperative recently, as surveys show the general public's declining confidence in higher education. I enjoy interacting professionally with people outside academia, including my work last year as the Director of UK's [Center for Business and Economic Research](#) and participating in the 2018-19 class of [Leadership Lexington](#).

We need faculty trustees who are willing to think critically, ask questions, and arrive at their own informed decisions. I've always done this – just ask my previous deans and department chairs! Less flippantly, I think that my broad experiences as a faculty member, my interest in making connections across campus and beyond, and my independence would make me a strong voice for faculty on the Board of Trustees. Faculty governance matters; if we as faculty want to have a voice, we need to use it. Whether you vote for me or for another candidate, please vote!

I would be honored to have your vote, and to serve as your trustee. Thank you and take care!