

Statement of Objectives

Wright State's next Faculty President will face unprecedented challenges. Despite the strong feelings of camaraderie earned through shared adversity we are a divided Faculty that took different paths in our efforts to do what we individually determined to be what was best for our students and our institution. Distrust between Faculty and the administration is compromising our ability to work cooperatively in shared governance.

In these circumstances we need a Faculty President who can rebuild relationships. Someone who can work as a diplomat yet has the credibility that comes from having served in the trenches. The crucible of the second longest faculty strike in public higher education history is an opportunity to forge a common vision that will guide a smaller, leaner, more fiscally responsible institution and allow us to continue to transform the lives of our students and the communities that we serve.

My primary objective as Faculty President would be to open and facilitate lines of communication in three different spheres: 1) faculty, 2) the administration, and 3) Ohio's General Assembly and the Ohio Department of Higher Education. As faculty we need to be able to share our insights and opinions with each other and my top priority would be to set up opportunities for the tension of our differences to bear good fruit. When I last served as Faculty President I was a welcome attendee at all of the University Cabinet and Council of Deans meeting and we need to return to that practice. Our problems are not local and, as the current Chair of the Ohio Faculty Council, I have been very happy to see our new Chancellor consistently expressing an interest in attracting and retaining high quality faculty to Ohio and we need to tell him exactly what can be done to accomplish that at Wright State.

We will not be the same university that we were. But I would welcome an opportunity to use my experience as a past Faculty President and as a recognized statewide champion of faculty to help the Faculty Senate deliver on our shared passion for our students and their success.

Thank you for your consideration,

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