

Dawn P. Wooley
Candidate Statement for Faculty President



Colleagues, it is an honor to be considered for the position of Faculty President. I served in this capacity over the past year and have enjoyed advocating for your academic interests and overall well-being.

I bring an array of faculty experiences to the table. I was Faculty Vice President before becoming Faculty President. As a CoSM Senator from 2015 – 2023, I was an enthusiastic member of the Executive Committee for seven of these years. I served on eight of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees and chaired six of them, including the Faculty Budget Priorities Committee (Chair), Undergraduate Academic Policies Committee (co-Chair), Graduate Academic Policies Committee, Graduate Curriculum Committee (Chair), Graduate Faculty Membership Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee (Chair), Parking Appeals Subcommittee (Chair), Scholarship and Sponsored Research Committee (Chair), and the Core Oversight Committee.

My goals are to preserve academic freedom and shared governance by responding to any threats to these principles and ensuring that institutional policies related to these standards are upheld. I will maintain open and transparent communication with both the faculty and administration in order to achieve these goals. I will ensure that the Faculty Office and all Faculty Senate committees are empowered to perform their duties and have what they need to do their jobs by actively listening to their needs. I will do my best to steadfastly uphold the Faculty Constitution, professionally conduct the business of the Senate, and optimistically move the University toward its future in a constructive manner.

My style of leadership is to lead by example. I will not ask anyone to do anything that I have not done or am not willing to do myself. I have a democratic approach to leadership in which I involve my colleagues in decision-making and build consensus whenever possible.

I am motivated by my own experiences here at Wright State. I encountered many upheavals as my original department was disbanded within the first several years of my arrival. I subsequently found myself in four different academic departments over the years with ever-changing and bar-raising sets of bylaws. At a time when all colleges are experiencing reorganization, I can be a champion for my colleagues going through similar uncertainties and can serve as a liaison with the administration in these situations. Overall, I want to make Wright State a better place for my colleagues as we move forward, and I experience a great deal of joy when faculty and administrators are able to celebrate new levels of excellence for our students.

Based on my extensive Faculty Senate experience, proven ability, dedication to the principles of academic freedom and shared governance, and motivation to help my fellow faculty members, I believe that I am a strong fit for this position, and I ask for your vote in the upcoming election.