

FACULTY ADVOCATE ELECTION



Nominee Photo

Current NKU Position (including department and college)

Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry in the College of Arts and Sciences

Biographical Statement (350-word maximum)

I've been at NKU since 2013, coming as the CINSAM Director and faculty member in Chemistry. I'm an organic chemist by training; my teaching is primarily general chemistry and organic chemistry lectures and labs. I'm very interested in the improvement of chemistry education. In 2023, I was awarded the "Excellence in University Service" award for my service that spanned from department to the university to the community and the state. I've served on the Benefits Committee, Budget Committee, General Education Committee, PCC, and Faculty Senate at NKU, and I'm a member of the KY Faculty Advisory Network through the CPE. This service has also included leadership as Secretary (2 years) and Chair (2 years) of PCC and as Faculty Senate President (4 years) as well as the co-lead for the Academic Commons and course waiver policy workgroups. As Senate President, I contributed to multiple new articles giving faculty perspectives on university issues such as the budget, athletics, and the Academic Commons. My op-ed on the chronic underfunding of NKU by the state was published in October 2023. In all these, I tried to give a voice to faculty.

Why I want to serve as Faculty Advocate (350-word maximum)

I believe that the success of faculty is key to student success. Unfortunately, the conversations about student success too frequently ignore the faculty and staff who empower that success. I want to serve as Faculty Advocate because I believe it is an essential role to promote faculty success. In every service role at NKU, I have tried to give the views of the faculty and have advocated for faculty while also working to further the academic mission of the university and support institutional priorities. The Faculty Advocate role is in many ways a continuation of my work as Faculty Senate President. I'm familiar with the Faculty Handbook and its interpretation. I have pre-existing relationships with university leadership. As Senate President, I've been party to the difficult conversations necessary to advocate for faculty. A strong Faculty Advocate, I will speak on behalf of faculty, our causes, our values, and our interests, but I will also serve as conflict mediator, interpreter for policy and procedure, and support as faculty navigate NKU systems. My broad and diverse experiences put me in a unique position to work to improve university policies and procedures.

Webpage (an optional link to a webpage maintained by the candidate)