

Colleagues,

Shared leadership is central to GVSU's institutional success, and the University Academic Senate (UAS) plays an essential role in ensuring that faculty, student, and staff voices are heard in university decision-making.

I have been part of the GVSU community in several capacities, as an undergraduate student, an Affiliate faculty member, and now a Tenure-Track faculty member. These experiences have given me a unique perspective on the university and made GVSU *my school* long before I joined the tenure-track faculty. I am deeply invested in its continued success and would like to be considered for the recent opening on UAS following Dr. Rabourn's departure.

I believe strongly in listening to understand, engaging thoughtfully with differing perspectives, and finding areas of consensus whenever possible. At the same time, shared governance requires more than consensus. A strong Senate must also be willing to ask difficult questions, challenge decisions when necessary, and speak clearly when the interests of the university community are at stake.

As a UAS member, I would bring both of those commitments to the role: I will listen, and I will speak up.

Thank you for considering my interest in serving.

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