

Chair-Elect Candidate Statement
Christopher Herr

I am currently in my sixteenth year at MSU as a faculty member in the Department of Theatre and Dance. In that time, I've gained a breadth of experience with Faculty Senate and its committees. I was my departmental representative for my first three years here, then served as Secretary of the Faculty for two years, then later served as Chair-Elect in 2011-12 and Senate Chair from 2012-13. Starting in 2013, I served for three years as Theatre and Dance department head, then returned full time to faculty in 2016 and later rejoined Senate as departmental representative.

I have served on virtually every Senate standing committee, either as a departmental/college representative or as an ex-officio member from the Senate Executive committee. In doing so, I have gained a thorough understanding of how the university works and the ways in which Faculty Senate can best serve the needs of those it represents. I have built productive working relationships with administrators on both the academic and administrative sides of the university.

The primary responsibilities of Senate are twofold. First, we are charged to carry out the faculty side of shared governance, in particular, to oversee curricular changes and ensure quality academic programs. But equally importantly, we are charged to represent the faculty as a whole, to reflect the concerns and wishes of a diverse body of scholars, teachers, researchers, and artists, and to ensure that these concerns are conveyed accurately and forcefully to the administration and Board. I hope to work with the Senate Executive and the Senate to address with the administration a number of issues raised in the recent Faculty Concerns Report (including issues of salary and benefits), as well as more broadly reaffirming the importance of engaged and valued faculty to the strength of the university.

Secretary of the Faculty Candidate Statement**Lanya Lamouria**

Over the past year, it has been an honor to serve as Secretary of the Faculty alongside Chair Cameron Wickham, Chair-Elect Catherine Jolivette, Parliamentarian Mike Hudson, and Faculty Senate Administrative Specialist Sandy Johnson. Although I was a Senator earlier in my career at Missouri State University, I now have a deeper and broader understanding of the role of Faculty Senate in faculty governance. I have participated on a number of Senate Committees, helped conduct Senate elections, and reviewed many, many curricular proposals. If I am elected for a second term, I will work with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to strengthen faculty's role in the curricular process and to streamline the Senate elections that facilitate shared governance.