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Chair of the Faculty Nomination Letter
Dr. Elizabeth L. Walker

I am honored to be nominated to serve as the Chair of the Faculty Senate. Previously, I served as Secretary of the Faculty (two consecutive terms) and Chair of CGEIP (two consecutive terms). I have also served on Rules Committee for several years and was Provost Fellow for Public Affairs for 2021-2022. To be considered for a position of leadership among the faculty at Missouri State is a huge honor. I believe leaders lead from the front as they set the example for those around them. At the same time, leaders listen to and respect those around them, even when opinions differ. I have always been impressed by the “team” attitude I have witnessed from previous senate leadership and intend to continue this type of leadership style.

I know the learning curve will be steep, but I feel ready to immerse myself as Chair-elect of the faculty. The next few years will bring unprecedented challenges to Missouri State University as we see the retirement of Dr. Einhellig and the search for a new provost, declining number of high school graduates, a challenging economy, and changes in culture brought by a worldwide pandemic. If elected, this will only be a step in my journey to serve the faculty, students, and staff at Missouri State University. Serving others is part of my overall mantra or personality as I have always enjoyed being part of something bigger than myself and helping others. I genuinely enjoy meeting and learning about people and listening to their life stories. As chair, I will continue to listen and seek solutions as problems present themselves. I look forward to the job ahead, and the opportunity to work closely with university governance and get to know more of my fellow faculty members.