

Faculty Senate April 2022 Secretary of the Faculty Candidate Statement
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I am honored to be considered for the position of Secretary of the Faculty. Since beginning at Missouri State University in 2008, I have been involved in many facets of curriculum. I have served multiple terms on College Council for the College of Health and Human Services then was elected to serve as the CHHS Council Chair. After fulfilling my role on Council as Chair, I served a term on Graduate Council. Most recently, I fulfilled back to back terms on Faculty Senate in which many who served with me would recognize my willingness to speak up and be involved during meetings. In total, I have represented my departments, college and the university for over ten years in some capacity focusing on curriculum. In addition to these responsibilities, I have also served as a Graduate Program Director in which one primary responsibility is curriculum changes. Further, I have reviewed departmental curricular proposals and mentored junior faculty on the curricular process.

I am excited about the opportunity to work alongside the Executive Committee, to learn even more about the curricular process and to serve the Faculty by bringing an interprofessional focus to reviewing curricular proposals. I will ensure that all curricular changes benefit students, programs and respective professions all while upholding the University's mission and long-term goals. If elected, I will work towards making the curricular process even more efficient and will work towards making the transition for the next Secretary seamless by setting up a system of checks and balances for proposals.