

## Statement of intent: Faculty at Large

Next year, we will be dealing with an unprecedented set of issues. While “unprecedented” is often overused, at this particular moment I think it is appropriate. Never before have we faced not only the prospect of steep budget cuts and possibly a marked fall in enrollments, but we will have to deal with the longer term implications of covid-19. Social distancing in classrooms may very well be required, posing significant, novel challenges to be addressed. It is likely that we will, at least in the fall semester, need to rely more heavily on technology and on-line modalities than we have in the past.

If elected to serve on the Executive Committee, I will bring my advocacy for students as well as faculty to the table. I have served on C&R and O&G on our campus as well as on many college and departmental committees. I am currently serving as one of our Statewide senators where I have served for two years on the Academic Affairs committee and participated in the Faculty and Governmental Affairs committee, the year before that.

I will work with the administration in the spirit of shared governance to safeguard the quality of students’ education without creating additional unnecessary stress in their lives. I will endeavor to see that faculty are not overburdened, and that their commitment and passion for student learning and quality research are shielded from the fallout of covid-19.

We are in uncharted waters. We need continue to work together, to listen to one another with open minds, and to seek out creative solutions to overcome the challenges that lie ahead. I hope you will entrust me to represent you on the Executive Committee in that endeavor.

Simon Rodan, April 22, 2020

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