

Courtney Ignarri

I am excited to be running for a UUP delegate seat in our chapter. I have been a delegate before, and I back then appreciated learning so much about our campus and system operations and having a voice to make positive change. I am currently the chair of the Professional Staff Senate, which is a governance body as opposed to a union. Though they have different aims, there is certainly overlap in our concerns and support for professional staff. Through PSS I have been able to contribute to the well-being of staff by developing and hosting programming, facilitating professional development opportunities and advocating for staff needs with campus leadership. This work has been fulfilling, but more and more I see the need to build union solidarity to enact more widespread change. I see how hard staff are working and how demoralized, frustrated and overworked they are. I plan to continue with PSS, but hope that through more active participation in the union I can be a part of actual policy change and advocacy beyond just our campus. We are the engine that keeps the campus and system running, and I want to be a part of the efforts to ensure that staff are valued, respected, and recognized. With my prior experience with UUP and years of experience in campus governance I feel that I can well represent staff needs and concerns at campus meetings and at the statewide delegate assembly.

Thank you for your consideration.