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Candidate Biography

I am an Associate Professor of Computer Science at Illinois Wesleyan University, a liberal arts university with an enrollment of about 2000 students located in Bloomington, IL. I obtained my PhD from Indiana University in 1999 and was tenured at Illinois Wesleyan in 2006. I moved to the United States as a graduate student from Berlin, Germany, in 1994 and became a naturalized US citizen in 2007. I was elected to serve as President of the Illinois Wesleyan AAUP Chapter in 2009 and to serve as member of the State Council of the Illinois Conference of the AAUP in 2010. I have been active in faculty governance for about ten years. I served for eight years on a committee advocating on behalf of faculty and staff for maintaining health care benefits, four of those years as its chair. I currently serve in my second one-year term as chair of the faculty council that advises the administration on budget and strategic planning matters. In that function, I represent the faculty on the president's cabinet and in meetings of the Board of Trustees. I have chaired a task force to review our faculty handbook and currently co-convene with the Interim Provost a task force to make proposals on faculty salary policies. I also serve as Faculty Parliamentarian. I have participated in the 2009 Summer Institute in St Paul, MN, and the ASC New Leaders Workshop in Washington, DC in 2010.

Candidate Statement

I am running for an at-large seat on the Governing Council. Since my election to the State Council of the Illinois Conference last year, I have been actively involved in chapter development, traveling to campuses across the state to assist interested groups of faculty in establishing or maintaining chapters. I have spoken to groups of faculty at community colleges, liberal arts colleges, and state universities about the importance of AAUP chapters, and assisted interested faculty in their chapter development. I believe that increasing the number of advocacy chapters is one of the best ways for the AAUP to increase its profile across the country, and as a member of the Governing Council I would like to contribute to membership and chapter development. I also have first-hand experience in reviving a dormant chapter from my work as chapter president at Illinois Wesleyan University. As chapter president, I administered a governance survey and presented the results to the university's reaccreditation steering committee, and I proposed the establishment of an award recognizing contributions to faculty governance, which will be presented to its first recipient this year. Working in faculty governance at my home institution, I have led efforts to adopt AAUP principles into our Faculty Handbook, one of which, the adoption of AAUP-compliant financial exigency regulations, was recognized in the July-August 2010 issue of Academe. I have advocated for the values of the AAUP at my home institution, and I intend to continue this work as a member of the Governing Council.

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