

Martha Buell

Over the years I have served the Senate in a variety of ways. I was a member and Chair of the University Faculty Senate Committee on Promotions and Tenure for 4 years. I have served as a Senator, as a member of the Committee on Faculty Welfare and Privileges, and as a member of two of the 3-3-3 committees created by the administration and AAUP in their negotiated contract. Currently, I am the Vice President of the University Faculty Senate and serve on the University Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

However, I think it is my experience on the University Faculty Senate Ad Hoc-RBB committee that has best prepared me to serve as University Faculty Senate President. I believe our budget model has profound implications for our academic programs and for faculty governance. I believe it is incumbent upon all officers of the Senate to understand how our budgeting system works and to be aware of the implications it has for our academic programs. If elected as Senate president you may rest assured that I would uphold the values of faculty governance, support faculty participation in decision-making, and advocate for transparency and openness in administrative decision making. I would do this because I feel that is the responsibility of the Senate, starting with the President to protect and foster our long-standing tradition of faculty governance, which undergirds our University's excellence.

Robert Opila

The Faculty Senate is charged, in large part, to help carry out the faculty's responsibility for maintaining the excellence of the academic programs at the University of Delaware. Being nominated for President of the Faculty Senate is both an honor and a challenge that I have decided to accept. Over the years I have served the Faculty Senate in many roles, not only as a Senator, but also as a member of COCAN and Graduate Studies Committee, and I chaired Graduate Studies for three years. In the latter role I sat ex officio on the Coordinating Committee, which provided a broad perspective on the Senate's activities. I have learned that some of the most important responsibilities of the President are to ensure that all Senators can be heard and to provide a mechanism to effectively accomplish those aims articulated by the faculty. I look forward to working with you all.