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Director & Assistant Professor

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I want to express my sincere interest in consideration for the role of Faculty Senate President. I am currently an Assistant Professor and have been with the university since 2015. I have a strong personal connection to SLU as well, as I met my wife here when I was a PhD student in 1999. I took a non-

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Excellence), where I have the privilege of funding students and faculty in support of careers in public service. I first became a senator in 2016, serving two terms as the SPS senator. It was during those terms that I really gained an appreciation for the role of the Senate. I saw firsthand how faculty could be involved in governance, and how decision making is improved with faculty input. I also witnessed many occasions where faculty were not involved in the process, and I wanted to become an advocate for faculty voices. In 2022, I was elected as an at large member of the FSEC, where I have served the past two years. I have also had the honor of serving on GAAC for two terms, as well as many ad hoc university level committee's and school level committees. In each of these roles, I strived to ensure that faculty have a voice in affairs of the university.

I want to continue this service and ask for your consideration for the role of Faculty Senate President. I believe there is still much work to be done as far as faculty participation in governance.

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Associate Professor
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Affiliated Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy

I came to SLU as an Assistant Professor in 2008, after five years as a VAP elsewhere (Marquette; Williams College; SUNY Albany). I was promoted to Associate Professor in 2014. My home department is political science, but as of 2022 I am also formally affiliated with the philosophy department. I teach courses on the history of Western political thought and on critical theory, broadly construed. This was my first time being a Senator, but I have served the College of Arts and Sciences in various ways, including as Secretary (and thereby a member of the Executive Committee). I was appointed to the University-wide DEI search committee by Provost Lewis, when the late Jonathan Smith's position was filled permanently, and have been a University Writing Fellow for many years (though we don't get too many requests for help these days). For most of my 20's, I worked as a labor-community organizer in Philadelphia, so I have organizational experience outside of the academy. Within the academy, I founded and am the coordinator of an international consortium, the Critical Social Ontology Workshop, which holds an annual working conference (which I also organize) t in addition to my time on CAS FC Exec and as a dept. rep. to FC.

I'm interested in the position because ... well ... I seem to be constitutionally attracted to big-picture organizational/structural matters and I care about SLU. While I'm not in a position to potentially serve as Secretary or President, I would like to help in whatever way that I can to have our large ship (continue to) be pointed in a good direction. I apologize for the clichéd metaphor, but it captures what I mean, and I can't think of a better way to put it. I'm not a Catholic, but the faith-based/social justice aspect of our mission is one that I believe requires on-going tending, to keep it alive and well. I went to a faith