

NOMINATION

Position: Communications Officer

Name: Kean Birch

STATEMENT

Currently I am an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies (LAPS), and Graduate Program Director, Faculty of Science. Since I moved to York in 2011, I have been involved in a range of service and administrative roles in YUFA and at the University, Faculty, and Department level. I was a member of YUFA's Strategic Vision Taskforce (2014-2015), helping to produce an alternative vision for York. I was also the Co-chair of the Long Range Planning Sub-committee of the JCOAA (2014-2016), co-authoring a number of critical reports on things like the SHARP budget model, Markham Campus consultation, and AAPR/IIRP, as well as sitting *ex officio* on the Financial Information Subcommittee (FISC). At the University level: I am currently a member of the University Senate; I was the LAPS Representative on the Senate's Academic Policy, Planning, and Research Committee (APPRC) in 2015-2016; and I was a member of the VPRI's Sustainability Taskforce. At the Faculty level: I am currently a member of the LAPS Committee on Research Planning and Policy; I was a member of the LAPS Executive Committee (2015-2016); and I was a member of the LAPS Academic Petitions Committee (2011-2014). At the Departmental level: I was 6-month interim Undergraduate Program Director in the Department of Social Science; I was a member of the Curriculum Committee in the Department of Social Science (2012-2015); and I have sat on a number of hiring committees.