

It is of central importance that individual departments and members of each faculty retain and expand their ability to make efficacious decisions on discipline-based curricula and research programming.

To this end, I commit myself to working internally with Senate (on which I currently serve), YUFA, Faculty Councils, the Cross Campus Alliance, and CUPE, and externally with OCUFA and CAUT, to identify areas of commonality and safeguard against the ever-increasing encroachment of administrative control over decision making at the faculty level. Furthermore, to protect the independence, and thereby diversity, of grassroots faculty generated research and teaching mandates.

I will make it a priority to work with others to generate meaningful access to the policy decision making process at York that is not limited to Administration-run “town halls”, “fireside chats”, “surveys”, or passive Q & A sessions. Instead, I will work to promote York Faculty into positions on boards, committees and other decision-making and policy bodies in order to set and guide York University policies moving forward.

I started at York in 1997. I am currently a Professor in the Department of Philosophy. I am a three-time York University Award winning teacher with three books currently in print. I am working on a fourth book on post-secondary education in Canada. I have previously served as an Academic Planning Specialist at the Learning Disabilities Program and a Graduate Program Director at the Centre for the Support of Teaching (now the Learning Skills Centre).

I know many of you from our collegiate work together both in LAPS Faculty Council and in the University Senate. I hope that I can count on your support.

Regards,

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