

## **PERSONAL STATEMENTS FOR 2021 ELECTIONS**

### **ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

#### **Beth Doll:**

I believe that a hallmark of a great university is its commitment to excellent academic programs that prepare the next generation of scholars, researchers, educators and entrepreneurs to make their own contributions to the future. That commitment demands principled and balanced decisions about the university's academic goals, appropriate resources to match those goals, and a vision that stretches into the future. I came to Nebraska 21 years ago because I trusted the university's commitment to its academic goals as well as rigorous and innovative scholarship. I would appreciate this opportunity to serve on the Academic Planning Committee, to add my contribution to the University of Nebraska's thoughtful planning for the future excellence of academic programs at UNL. To learn more about my research, teaching, professional experiences, and qualifications, please browse my website at <https://cehs.unl.edu/cehs/faculty/beth-doll/>

#### **Rupal Mehta:**

I am committed to being actively engaged in my department, university, and discipline. I firmly believe in the importance of the university's objectives and missions when it comes to guiding and preparing our students for their future, fostering a culture aimed toward research and creative activity that can address current and future challenges, and establishing a more perfect community that prioritizes diversity and inclusion. Faculty voice and perspective matters greatly to accomplishing these aims in an ever-evolving world. And broadening those perspectives heard around the table to include more variation in seniority, gender, ethnicity, and many other characteristics inherent in our diverse faculty can only help us achieve these objectives. If selected, I would strive to take advantage of this amazing opportunity to work collaboratively with colleagues and peers to best represent the faculty in the governance of the University. If you are interested in learning more about my research, teaching, professional experiences serving on committees for my department and discipline, and qualifications, please feel free to browse my website at <https://rupalmehta.com>.

### **ACADEMIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES COMMITTEE:**

#### **Wes Peterson:**

I have been on the Academic Rights and Responsibilities Committee on three previous occasions and would be happy to continue working with this important committee. I have served as ARRC chair four times and have also been a member of two special committees when I was on the Academic Rights and Responsibilities Panel. The ARRC is critical for the protection of academic freedom and other faculty rights. Its procedures, however, are somewhat complicated, and it can take some time to fully comprehend how the system works. In addition to my previous experience with the ARRC, I have worked with other ARRC members and chairs on revisions of the procedural documents that direct the work of the ARRC and of the special committees that

conduct the investigative hearings. As a result, I have a thorough understanding of the committee's functions and will be able to contribute to the work of the ARRC right away. I have always considered it to be a privilege to be able to help with the work of the ARRC, one of the key elements in shared governance at UNL, and I would be honored to be able to continue to do so.

### **ACADEMIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES PANEL:**

#### **Jenny Nixon:**

I have been a Nebraska Extension Educator since 1985. I am a Rural Prosperity Nebraska educator in the northwest corner of the state. I work with rural communities to engage their citizens and grow a vibrant, competitive, and resilient economy.

As my position has provided me with many ways to grow personally, I believe it is my right and responsibility to give service back to the faculty community. Service opportunities give me a sense of fulfillment and I always learn new things. My service on the ARRP will help to add diversity by bringing the perspective of someone from the Extension mission of our land grant university and someone who lives and works a long way from our physical campus.

#### **Tammy Stuhr:**

Mentoring new faculty members is one of my career's priorities. I work to make sure faculty know their rights and responsibilities as they begin their UNL career. I have been a faculty member since 2012 and served in an affiliate role prior for 13 years. I will serve as a fair and impartial member just as I have previously on multiple committees and advisory boards. I teach and research in my position as an extension educator. I believe this gives me a broad and diverse perspective as I team-up with faculty on both campuses, at research centers, and in county-based extension offices.