PERSONAL STATEMENTS FOR
SPECIAL ELECTION FALL 2023

ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Ken Bloom, Professor, Physics and Astronomy:

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve on the Academic Planning Committee. This is my 20th year at our university, and I have never sensed a greater feeling of uncertainty on campus about our path forward than I do now. If elected to the APC, I will try to bring my experience to bear on the problem. I have previously served on the APC, during 2016-22, and I was chair in 2017-18, a year in which the university went through two rounds of budget reductions. I have also served as Faculty Associate to the Chancellor for Budget Model Implementation, which did not result in a successful implementation of the budget model but did give me significant insight into the university’s financial status and issues. If elected, I will do my best to ask the hard questions, in the spirit of shared governance, and help us become the very best university that we can be.

Adam Houston, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences:

I am a professor of atmospheric science in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences and in 2024 I will start my 20th year at UNL. In my time at UNL I have taken an active role in faculty governance at the department, college, and university levels and hope to be afforded the opportunity to expand these efforts in support the work of the APC. I have served on the UNL Graduate Council, UNL Grading and Examinations Committee, College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Executive Committee, CAS Scholarships and Distinction Committee, CAS Academic Freedom and Freedom of Expression committee, along with numerous committees in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences including the Executive Committee and vice-chair. I have maintained an active and internationally recognized research group where I’ve mentored graduate students, undergrads, and post docs towards careers in academia, industry, and government. I was a member of the inaugural class of the University Research Leaders program and have been recently selected to give the University’s spring 2024 Nebraska Lecture. My teaching portfolio includes courses in atmospheric science for graduate students, upper-level undergraduates in the Meteorology-Climatology program, and students from across the university in several general-education courses. I take great pleasure in sharing my passion for atmospheric science to prepare students for careers in meteorology-climatology and, for non-majors, to increase scientific literacy and understanding of existential climate issues. I would consider it a privilege to serve on the APC and work with university administration to ensure that UNL fulfills its commitment to provide its students with unique and enriching experiences that prepare them for fulfilling careers and life-long learning and to foster research and scholarship that addresses challenges facing Nebraska and the world.

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