

**PERSONAL STATEMENTS FOR
SPECIAL ELECTION SPRING 2024**

ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Hideaki Moriyama, School of Biological Sciences:

I possess extensive experience at UNL since 2002, spending time in the Biotechnology Center and the Department of Chemistry until 2008, and in the School of Biological Sciences then. During that time, I have studied the principles of protein flexibility using highly interdisciplinary experimental methods. In service, I have worked to share science widely. In teaching, I have lectured on how to handle vast amounts of biological data.

I have participated on the X-Ray Safety Committee, the Academic Planning Committee, and the Academic Rights and Responsibilities Panel. The Academic Planning Committee made me more grateful to find that the University is generally well run and that many people are involved in it. However, there were times when the admins had to make high-level decisions in a relatively short period of time and with seemingly minimal information. In contrast, I found that Academic Planning Committee functions as a crucial safeguard, affording thorough evaluations with the utmost objectivity and minimal unnecessary restrictions. Furthermore, it provides a vital platform for the voices of potentially vulnerable faculty and staff to be heard and considered.

It would be an honor to serve a second term on the Academic Planning Committee. I look forward to bringing my experience and enthusiasm to this position.

Sabrina Russo, School of Biological Sciences:

I am interested in serving on the Academic Planning Committee because it is essential for faculty from diverse backgrounds, disciplines, and perspectives to work together to offer their experience and insights to help administrators make informed decisions that will benefit our students, Nebraskans, and our globally connected communities. My experience serving on a range of committees at the departmental, college, and university levels and serving my profession has prepared me for this crucial role (CV: <https://russolab.unl.edu/cv.html>). I would value the opportunity to serve on the Academic Planning Committee and bring my collaborative energy to making our University the best it can be.