

UBCFA Executive Election 2018

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

Nominee for President:

Bronwen Sprout

Head

Digital Programs and Services, Library

UBC Vancouver

My work with the Faculty Association over the past six years has been engaging, rewarding, and personally meaningful. My experience in several capacities, combined with my commitment to serving the Association and its members, positions me to serve as FA President. In addition, I am a strong leader. I listen well and am able to articulate a position clearly and defend it persuasively. The FA plays a crucial role on both campuses of UBC and I welcome the opportunity to participate more fully in its operations and leadership.

I am currently Head, Digital Programs and Services, UBC Library, and have worked at UBC as a librarian since 2005. Among other activities, I contribute to community-driven digital preservation and digital library development efforts, reflecting my belief in and experience with the value and necessity of collaboration.

I was the inaugural chair of the FA Librarians and Archivists Committee in 2012 (and member of the FA Executive Committee), served as chair and member of the Executive again in 2016-17, and was an active committee member in the interim. I've served as a member of the FA Member Services and Grievance Committee since 2012 and have also served as a member of the bargaining team. As a result of my involvement with the FA, and my interest in issues of academic labour, I was nominated for and accepted a role as member of the national CAUT Librarians and Archivists Committee which I held from 2014 - 2017. My involvement with the UBCFA and with CAUT provided me with the opportunity to take part in many related conferences and workshops and has allowed broad exposure to issues of academic work and workers.

As President, I would take a collaborative approach, focused on developing a strong and cohesive Executive Committee and associated task groups, and drawing on the talents and expertise of our members to consider and respond to the many and varied issues facing faculty in their work lives. I would consult with faculty to understand the needs, concerns and interests of our diverse membership, to create space for dialogue among faculty and to act as the voice of faculty with UBC administration. Finally, I would support the Executive Director and staff of the UBCFA in their important work.

I would be honoured to serve as your President and endorse Alan Richardson's candidacy as Vice-President.