Nominee for Chair, Okanagan Faculty Committee

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The purpose of the Faculty Association is to provide representation of its membership to the administration of UBC. We have an opportunity to establish a new narrative with senior administration to address central issues that have direct impacts on the career development of the membership of the Faculty Association on the Okanagan Campus. As academic members at UBC, we all contribute to advancing research and educational programs that are appropriate for a world top-40 institution. Yet, there is significant inequity with respect to resource allocation within the UBC system: UBC Okanagan faculty members generally have higher teaching and service loads compared to UBC Vancouver colleagues, and access to less administrative and technical support. As Chair of the Okanagan Faculty Association Committee, I will advocate for the needs of members on our campus in my interactions with UBC senior administrators.

I endorse Alison McManus and Craig Nichol as vice-chairs of the Committee, and look forward to working with them to advance the interests of our faculty members, librarians, and archivists.

**Background**

I joined UBC Okanagan in 2014 as an associate professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry. In 2017, I was promoted to Full Professor and cross-appointed to the Faculty of Management. I am presently under consideration for renewal of the Head position in Chemistry for the period of 2019-2022. During my time as Head, the Department of Chemistry has experienced a significant renewal, resulting in an increase in research-active faculty members from 35% to 67%.

I am an active researcher, having published 138 papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals, along with several book chapters and patents (see: [https://scholar.google.ca/citations?user=alBpO9EAAAAJ&hl=en](https://scholar.google.ca/citations?user=alBpO9EAAAAJ&hl=en)). I have been involved in projects that have secured almost $4M in research funding.

Before joining UBC, I spent 11 years with the National Research Council (NRC) of Canada as a research scientist. During this time, I was a union representative for the 1400 NRC scientists and engineers, serving as a member-at-large, secretary, vice-president, and president.