Nominee for Member-at-Large

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I am an associate professor in the School of Education at UBC Okanagan. I currently serve on the Okanagan Senate and I chair the Senate Appeals of Standing and Discipline Committee. From 2005 until 2010 I served as Dean of Education at UBC Okanagan, so I have seen and understand things from both sides of the Collective Agreement. I truly believe that all of us benefit when we can work in a positive, supportive, and collegial environment; this can be achieved through respect for one-another, and, also, through respect for negotiated agreements, and established contracts, policies, and procedures. Over the years at UBC I have seen an erosion of the willingness to honour these agreements, contracts, policies, and procedures. Even aspects of the BC University Act appear as arbitrary guidelines that may or may not have to be followed. I find this apparent de-regulation of the workplace by UBC management symptomatic of a larger neo-liberal agenda, and this is something that the Faculty Association needs to be firmly against. As a UBCFA member-at-large this would be a very high priority for me. I would be a strong advocate for UBC members, and would seek to hold UBC management to honour, not only the spirit and intent, but also the exact wording of our Collective Agreement, the University Act, the UBC Board of Governors’ policies, as well as established procedures and contracts.