

UFS President Candidate's Platform Statement for: Phil Glick (glicklab@buffalo.edu)

Beginning in the Spring 2019 semester and for the entire 2020-2021 academic year, the COVID19 pandemic has been a challenging period for SUNY, the campuses, the SUNY University Faculty Senate (UFS) and the members we represent. The budget crisis we had anticipated at the onset of the pandemic will likely be frame-shifted by the one-time federal support we have received, but I believe it will still be an existential threat to SUNY in the near future. But with chaos comes opportunity. My desire to lead the SUNY UFS is simple: I am putting forth my nomination and platform ideas to help make the SUNY System a better place to work and learn for the UFS, our faculty and professional staff members and the college/university students. I have the confidence that I can serve the UFS and do a good job.

Six years ago, as a newly elected Campus Governance Leader, I attended a SUNY Voices Shared Governance Program and embraced the shared governance principles as described to us by UFS leadership, the SUNY Chancellor and the Chair of the SUNY Board of Trustees (BOT). These include that ***Shared Governance is a collaboration between faculty, staff, students, administration, and governing boards in carrying out the paradigm of shared governance. This collaboration includes but is not limited to trust, collegiality, dialogue, mutual respect, sharing perspectives, listening, a shared sense of purpose, and shared accountability; always being mindful of diversity and inclusion; always remembering some of us have certain privileges and experiences of life that others have not; remaining humble, recognizing differences while remaining open to finding common ground and transparency of information. In essence it boils down to "effective and constructive" engagement by the administration and trustees with the faculty, staff, and students. Not just effective and constructive engagement, but also timely engagement. We need to be proactive, not reactive on important issues. We all need to be at the table, with a voice and a vote.*** In 2019 The University at Buffalo Faculty Senate and Professional Staff Senate memorialized these principles into the Resolution of the Faculty Senate and Professional Staff Senate by Jointly Adopting the "Doctrine of Shared Governance: [Resolution of the Faculty Senate and Professional Staff Senate](#)".

If my candidacy is successful, I would like the UFS to consider the merits of these 4 issues:

1. **A vote on the SUNY BOT:** Advocate with the Chancellor, the Chair of the SUNY BOT and the trustees to amend the [SUNY BOT By-Laws](#) to give the President of the UFS voting rights on the SUNY BOT. This would give the UFS President a seat, a voice and a vote on the SUNY BOT like 16 of the other 18 members, which currently includes the SUNY SA President. The SUNY FCCC may wish to advocate for this jointly—they are the other member of the BOT lacking a vote,
2. **A seat, a voice and a vote on all campus councils:** Advocate with the Chancellor, the Chair of the SUNY BOT and the trustees, the NYS Senate and Assembly Higher Education Committees and the NYS Department of Education to require all campus councils to appoint a faculty member and professional staff member to their campus councils with full voting rights, joining the Governor's appointments and the student SA presidents who currently benefit from State Education Law Section 356: [Councils of state-operated institutions; powers and duties](#),
3. **It's not about shared governance, it's about transparency:** Advocate with the Chancellor, the chair of the SUNY BOT, NYS Senate and Assembly Higher Education Committees to finish crafting legislation that would mandate campus foundations to disclose finances, vendors and personnel details to the same degree their campus partners are currently required to do. The legislation (which has failed to leave committee hearings for approximately 3 years) would amend the 501 (c)(3) public charity laws so that campus foundations, which are essential to the mission of all campuses, would fully be transparent, and
4. **It's not about transparency, it's about shared governance:** Advocate with the Chancellor, the Chair of the SUNY BOT and the trustees, NYS Senate and Assembly Higher Education Committees and NYS Department of Education to require all campus foundations to appoint a faculty member, a professional staff member and a student to all campus foundations with a voice and vote.

It would be my honor to lead the SUNY faculty, professional staff and the UFS during the 2021-2023 academic years.