Vice Chair Nominee

Alan Colburn, Science Education

I’ve been part of the Senate and, often, the Senate’s Executive Committee for 15 years now. I think it can be a cool place, once you get past the moving, seconding, and occasionally excruciating wordsmithing, because it’s the only place on campus where large numbers of faculty, professional staff, students, and managers regularly come together, as equals, to discuss academically important issues and policies.

I offer you someone who listens and tries to understand disparate views, who can carry your thoughts to others--whether I share them or not. I like to ask questions and try to be pragmatic & reasonable.

I don’t necessarily want to chair the Senate, though I could if needed. I don’t want to take that much time away from the joy I get seeing students learn. But I’d like the chance to make a difference. I hope you’ll support my bid this year to contribute.