



QUFA Executive Election 2021

CANDIDATES' STATEMENT

Nominee for Vice President (One-year Term)

Laeque Daneshmend

Professor

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I have been active in QUFA since its earliest organizing activities and inception in the mid-1990s. I have served on the QUFA Executive Committee, as Member at Large, for the past three years. I am passionate about Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Indigeneity issues, particularly as they relate to racialized groups. I was a Senate nominated member of the Principal's Implementation Committee on Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (PICRDI) in 2016/2017, have served from 2017 onwards on the joint Board-Senate subcommittee on Non-Academic Misconduct which endeavoured to update the Student Code of Conduct in line with PICRDI recommendations, and have been a member of the University Council on Anti-Racism and Equity (UCARE) since 2018. I currently serve on Senate as well as a number of Senate committees, including as Chair of the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee. My experiences as a former department Head, and as a former member of the University Administration's "Senior Leadership Team" (I was Deputy Provost for three years), equip me with useful insights and perspectives regarding the University's budgetary and administrative processes. I am Pakistani by birth and identify as a Muslim South Asian.