



QUFA Executive Election 2021

CANDIDATES' STATEMENT

Nominee for Chair of Political Action & Communications Committee

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I arrived at Queen's in the fall of 1997 and started volunteering with QUFA in 1998, first with the feminist caucus, which was quite active at the time, and then with various ad hoc committees (among them committees to re-structure Council, identify alternative merit models, provide equity advice for bargaining, and identify gaps in our benefit plan). I served a number of terms as Council Rep for the School of Kinesiology and Health Studies and have been, at various times, a member of the Grievance Committee. On the Executive, I have served as Secretary, Equity Rep, Member at Large, Acting Grievance Chair, and, currently, chair of PACC, the Political Action and Communication Committee.

In my view the key task of PACC over the next couple of years is to connect (at some point in person!) with Members newly arrived at Queen's during the pandemic and to mobilize (educate and engage) the membership in view of the next round of bargaining. We need to work on organizational renewal by providing opportunities for Members who are interested in becoming more involved in QUFA as part of their university service. Key to that task is ensuring that QUFA is aware of and addressing the political issues internal and external to Queen's about which members are concerned: EDII, the covid-era workplace climate, provincial post-secondary policies and funding among them.