

5/4/09 Statement
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I believe that what brings us together on the faculty senate is our collective desire for Vanderbilt to excel. We likely have different perspectives on how best to promote this excellence for Vanderbilt students, staff, and faculty. The executive committee, in its function as a liaison between the university administration and the faculty senate, represents these diverse values to the administration on a weekly basis. I'm honored to have been nominated to serve as a member of this committee. My role, if elected, will be to listen to the breadth of perspectives of the faculty, then promote and advance them. Issues of interest to me personally in guiding Vanderbilt's future success are recruitment, support, and well-being of junior faculty; the position of the faculty senate in academic governance; and the profile of the faculty senate within the Vanderbilt community. I welcome the opportunity to serve.