

Jeannette Kindred, Supporting Statement:

I joined the faculty at EMU in 2006, and am Professor of Communication in the School of Communication, Media, and Theatre Arts. My extensive experience and commitment to the EMU AAUP make me an ideal candidate for the open position of Vice President. I have been elected as both member-at-large and secretary. I have been part of several bargaining councils, was a member of the 2015 negotiation team, and am currently one of two grievance officers. I sit on the DED committee and conduct tenure and promotion workshops for faculty.

In over seven years of working with the EMU AAUP, I have been fully committed to the importance of a union and the principles of shared governance. In particular, in my capacity as Grievance Officer, I represent faculty from across campus and work proactively with administration to effectively problem solve contractual issues. I help faculty navigate the tenure and promotion process, support faculty dealing with issues related to disruptive students in the classroom, and advocate for fair and transparent decision making with faculty input. Through this breadth and depth of experience, I am well versed on the contract and DEDs, and can understand and interpret quickly if situations are a violation of the contract. My contributions will be invaluable to the next Executive Committee charged with leading the EMU-AAUP.

I firmly believe in a strong faculty voice and would be honored to continue my service for the EMU AAUP as your next Vice-President.

Union Service:

- Grievance Officer (September 2015 – present)
- EMU AAUP Executive Committee, Secretary (January 2015 to present)
- EMU AAUP Executive Committee, Member-at-Large (July 2012 – December 2014)
- Negotiating team (Summer 2015)
- Bargaining Council, 2015 (Right-to-Work committee)
- Bargaining Council, 2012 (Survey Committee, Chair)
- Bargaining Council, 2010 (Workload Committee)
- EMU Joint DED committee (Fall 2015 – present)
- EMU Joint DID committee (Fall 2015 – present)

Select Department Service (School of Communication, Media, and Theatre Arts):

- Internship Director, 2006 – 2013
- Instruction Committee, 2007-2009, chair
- Personnel and Finance Committee, May 2012 – August 2014
- Program Review (Communication Graduate Program), 2009 – 2010; 2015-2016
- Assessment coordinator (Communication Graduate Program), 2012 - 2015
- Search Committee Member: New FT Lecturer (2009); New Tenure Track Faculty Member (2008; 2010, 2015);
New Department Head (2014)

Select College/University Service:

- CAS Advisory Council, 2014 to present (alternate, 2009 – 2014)
- CAS Assessment Committee Member (Fall 2012 - present)
- Troup Member and Performer for *Close-Up 2* (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)
- United Way unit rep, 2006-2009; United Way steering committee member, 2010-2012
- Commencement name reader, 2008 – present