

Peter Higgins

I joined the EMU faculty in Fall 2009. I am an Associate Professor in the Department of History & Philosophy, and a Department Member in Women's and Gender Studies.

My experience in faculty governance roles makes me well-suited for a position on the EMU-AAUP Executive Committee. As a member of the 2015 Bargaining Council, I chaired the Input Committee, and our work strengthened the contractual provisions concerning faculty participation in governance. For example, as a result of a proposal I drafted, Article XIII now requires that, upon the request of faculty input bodies, administration provide a written response to faculty input, supported by reasoning and evidence, within 15 days.

One of my strengths is facilitating constructive and congenial dialogue among faculty and between faculty and administration, even when our interests diverge. For example, I recently led the Graduate Council, as its current chair, through a nine-month long process of providing input to the Graduate School on GA allocation; the recommendations we produced through a process of consensus-building were accepted by a unanimous vote in the Faculty Senate. As chair of the CAS Advisory Council, in response to the Dean's instructional budget model, I organized the drafting of a comprehensive statement of faculty input that won unanimous support from the 18 diverse departments of CAS.

Because faculty interests can diverge, I believe that this sort of experience in facilitating deliberations that lead to fair balances acceptable to all affected is an essential quality for members of the EMU-AAUP Executive Committee.

Selected service:

- EMU-AAUP Bargaining Council member, 2015; chair of Input Committee
- Chair of CAS Advisory Council (CAC), Fall 2013 – Winter 2015; Fall 2016 – present
- Chair of Graduate Council, Winter 2016 – present
- Title IX investigations Review Panel member, Summer 2016 – present
- Faculty Senate representative (Women's and Gender Studies), Winter 2016 – present
- CAS Advisory Council representative (Women's and Gender Studies), Fall 2011 – present
- CAS Dean Search Committee member, April 2015 – present
- Member of four faculty search committees (History & Philosophy)
- Personnel and Finance Committee member (History & Philosophy), Fall 2013 – Winter 2016
- CAS Committee on Research and Sabbatical Leaves (CCRS), Fall 2011 – Winter 2013