

Resignation as Chair of the Faculty Senate

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To My Co-Officers and Members of the Council:

The last two Council meetings have brought me to a moment of major decision with respect to my continued presence in the position of Faculty Senate Chair. Separate and independent of the rude manner in which I have been treated, there is, more importantly, a message in the conduct of my colleagues that I have the responsibility to receive and to act upon. That message simply stated is the following:

As Chair of the Faculty Senate, I fully recognize that I have lost the confidence, respect, and trust of the majority of the engaged and activist members of the Council, with whom I must work to advance the mission and goals of the Faculty Senate. I have always held to the position that those who occupy positions of leadership are morally obligated to occupy such positions only so long as those with whom they work or those whom they serve perceive the benefit of their leadership. Insistence upon continuing in a leadership role in the absence or erosion of confidence, respect, and trust is selfish and disserving. I am neither.

I, therefore, hereby and forthwith, tender my resignation as Chair of the Faculty Senate.

Honorably,

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