

Brandon Savage

Statement of Candidacy for Faculty Senate President

In the spring of 2016, my wife, Cheryl, and I and our seven children moved to Manhattan from the greater Philadelphia area. I had just accepted a general manager role after serving in multiple corporate roles across two decades in locations across the country. In an effort to establish a network in a new community and recruit part-time student employees, I applied to teach as an adjunct instructor in the College of Business Administration at K-State. Little did I know how that decision would change the trajectory of my career.

After two years of teaching as an adjunct instructor, a timely opportunity to participate in a year-long ACUE Teaching Effectiveness course, and generous feedback and mentoring from many faculty (and students!), I discovered *I had a passion and talent for teaching!* When an opportunity arose to take a full-time role, I leaped at the opportunity. Fast forward to today, we have welcomed an eighth child to our family, and in a few weeks I will wrap up my fifth year of teaching full-time.

As my wardrobe has slowly (and then quickly) turned purple, I have found that I care deeply about this institution and our land-grant mission. My Mexico-born grandfather was a first-generation college student/engineer and I've seen first-hand how his sacrifice and persistence to earn a degree transformed the lives of his eight children. My mother (the oldest) graduated as the valedictorian of her high school and then earned a degree in Computer Science in the mid-seventies. I see my grandfather and my mother sitting in my classroom every day and hope that I can prepare my students to be equally impactful in their careers, their families, and their communities.

As K-State embarks on strategically transforming to become a next-generation land-grant university, refining our budget model, and seeking a way to differentiate ourselves in a struggling and competitive landscape, I believe my unique background, experience, and strengths will help me effectively represent the interests of our faculty and staff through Faculty Senate leadership.

I earned my B.S. in Business Management from Brigham Young University and my MBA from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Over the past three years, I have served on the Faculty Affairs Committee and the Executive Committee, gaining valuable experience and insights into the needs of our campus community and the importance of strong leadership in driving positive and productive change.

In my two decades of industry experience, I developed expertise in customer experience and operations, skills that I believe will be highly beneficial as we emerge from the strategic planning process to the *execution* phase of addressing the challenges we face as a university.

While I acknowledge that my background lacks experience in research, I recognize the vital role it plays at K-State, as well as how it contributes to economic growth, job creation, and the overall well-being of Kansans. I understand the importance of collaborating closely with my many fellow senators who have expertise in this area. I am committed to learning from them and working together to ensure the university's research objectives receive the necessary support and attention they deserve, while maximizing their impact on the state and community at large.

In conclusion, I am humbled by the opportunity to serve as the Faculty Senate President Elect in 2023-2024, to listen to and represent the needs and voices of my fellow faculty and staff members and contribute to the ongoing efforts to advance Kansas State University's mission, vision, and goals. I am committed to working collaboratively with my fellow senators, faculty, staff, and students to address the challenges we face and help K-State achieve its full potential.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to the possibility of serving and contributing to the success of our university.

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Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

MBA, Dual Major - Strategic Management; Operations/Information Management, University of Pennsylvania, 2011

B.S. in Business Management – Emphasis in Information Systems, Brigham Young University, 2001

RECENT ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Instructor, College of Business Administration, 2018-Present

Edgerley Outstanding Instructor Fellow, 2020-2022

Adjunct Instructor, 2016-2018

Head of Solution Enablement, VOZIQ AI, 2018-Present

Track Chair, TechHome Builder Summit, AE Ventures, 2021-Present

Advisory Board Member, Simply, 2021-Present

Principal, The CX Pro, 2015-Present

Co-Founder, Flint Hills Rental, 2018-Present

Co-Organizer, 1 Million Cups MHK, 2019-2021

Director of Customer Care, Livewatch, 2016-2018

SVP, Customer Experience & Operations, My Alarm Center, 2013-2014

SVP, Customer Experience, Devcon Security, 2012-2013

Director of Supply Chain Management, Vivint, 2010-2012

SELECT INSTRUCTION

MANGT 421: Introduction to Operations and Supply Chain Management

MANGT 553: Project Management

MANGT 596: Business Ethics

MANGT 595: Business Strategy

MANGT 497: Business Presentation Skills

SELECT SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Chair, College of Business Administration Faculty Senate Caucus, Kansas State University (2022-Present)

Faculty Advisor, Global Supply Chain Club (2018-Present)

Chair, Board of Directors, Manhattan Area Habitat for Humanity (2022-Present)

Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Manhattan Area Habitat for Humanity (2021-2022)

Member, Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Kansas State University (2022-Present)

Member, Faculty Senate Faculty Affairs Committee, Kansas State University (2021-2022)

Vice Chair, Social Services Advisory Board, City of Manhattan (2020-2023)

Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Spectrum Academy (2010-2013)