

Linda Craghead
Statement of Candidacy for Faculty Senate President

Dear Colleagues,

My name is Linda Craghead, and I serve as the Director of Facility Services for Kansas State University at the Manhattan campus. I am honored and humbled to have been encouraged to submit my name as a candidate for President of Faculty Senate at Kansas State University. With a career spanning over three decades in leadership roles across various sectors, I have developed a wealth of experience, a proven track record of success, and a deep commitment to the values and mission of Kansas State University that would serve me well in the role as Senate President.

As the current Director of Facility Services at K-State, I have the privilege of managing the operations of custodial, landscape, refuse, recycling services and multiple special projects in Facilities. In this role, I have embraced servant leadership philosophies, working diligently to transform the culture and enhance the strengths and talents of each team member. Together, our efforts have led to improved customer satisfaction, a safe and healthy campus, and enhanced communication with campus stakeholders.

My tenure as Secretary and Assistant Secretary at the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism equipped me with the skills to manage large teams and foster collaboration with leadership and elected officials. The experience gave me the opportunity to build and sustain effective working relationships, encourage open dialogue, and implement programs that created positive changes.

In addition to my professional experience, I have had the honor to serve my colleagues on the Kansas State University Faculty Senate for five years representing the General Caucus. As Co-Chair of Professional Staff Affairs, I have had the privilege of collaborating with many other senators during Executive Committee, Faculty Senate Leadership, and full Senate meetings. There is no doubt, serving in these capacities has expanded my knowledge and appreciation for shared governance and the workings of the University.

If elected, I am committed to fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment within the Faculty Senate, where diverse perspectives are valued, and innovative solutions are pursued. My vision for the Faculty Senate includes enhancing communication and transparency, advocating for the needs and interests of both faculty and professional staff, and promoting initiatives that support the academic and professional endeavors of our university community.

I am excited about the opportunity to serve as Faculty Senate President and to contribute to the continued growth and excellence of Kansas State University. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant university that empowers all members of our community to achieve their full potential.

Thank you for your support.

Linda Craghead