

Attachment 5

Don Von Bergen, Ph.D. Statement of Candidacy for Faculty Senate President

Esteemed Colleagues,

My name is Don Von Bergen, and I serve Kansas State University from the Aerospace and Technology Campus in Salina. I am honored and humbled to have been encouraged to serve as President of Faculty Senate. This offers me the opportunity to continue my lengthy service to Kansas State University. I take this seriously and understand and accept the immense responsibilities involved in fulfilling this role. Based on my experience, I am confident I am up to the challenge.

My philosophy of leadership is grounded on the principle of serving others. This principle will guide my approach to the role of Faculty Senate President. I began my service to Kansas State University as the Department Head of a liberal arts & sciences department. As Head, I successfully engaged this diverse and multidisciplinary department for 15 years. I believed strongly in supporting and encouraging faculty members and derived great satisfaction from watching them succeed, grow professionally, and do wonderful things for K-State. I attribute my success to my focus on helping others succeed rather than pursuing my own personal ambitions. I intend to approach my role as President in the same way.

During my 21 years with Kansas State University, I have had additional experiences that have prepared me to be the Faculty Senate President. Following my tenure as Department Head, I served as Graduate Program Director on the Salina campus for three years. I have also served on university committees, including the Big-12 Faculty Fellowship awards committee, the Honor Council, and the committee to select nominees for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

Most recently, I have served four years as a Faculty Senator. During three of those years, I was the Co-Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, a committee that plays a central role in Faculty Senate's mission and is one of the most time-intensive committees. As Co-Chair, I have had the privilege of collaborating with many other senators during Executive Committee, Faculty Senate Leadership, and full Senate meetings. Serving as Co-Chair has expanded my understanding and appreciation for shared governance and the workings of the University.

My service to Kansas State University has been balanced, involving administrative, teaching, leadership, and committee roles; and this well-rounded experience will help me as Faculty Senate President. I have appreciated the privilege of shared governance at K-State and hope to continue and strengthen this process. I have enjoyed collaborating with many different members of the K-State family. What an amazing pool of talent we have in our faculty, staff, and students.

I look forward to serving K-State in the role of Faculty Senate President and am incredibly grateful for this opportunity.

Thank you,

Don Von Bergen
Professor
College of Technology and Aviation

Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae

Don Von Bergen, Ph.D.

April 2022

EDUCATION

Academic

- Ph.D. & M.S. in geology, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 1988/85
- B.S. in geology, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois 1977

Professional

- Private Pilot Certificate, includes flight proficiency 2020
- FAA Knowledge Exam for Private Pilot Certificate 2018
- Management Development Program, Harvard Graduate School of Ed. 2016
- Academy for Student Centered Learning, K-State Office of Assessment 2013
- Leadership Salina, Salina Area Chamber of Commerce 2009
- Entrepreneurial Leadership, 12th Annual K-State Leadership Seminar 2008
- James R. Coffman Leadership Institute, Kansas State University 2007
- Employee Relations Training on classified attendance and leave policies 2006
- KSU Employee Relations on “Stressful Conversations” 2006
- Lifeline Training Program for Supervisors/Managers 2005

Professional with Chevron U.S.A. Inc.

Fourteen different company schools on various topics in geology, geophysics, technical briefings and presentations, technical writing, communication, management, decision analysis, and employee relations 1988 - 1992

Professional Military

- Intensive Desert Training, Mojave Desert, Fort Irwin, California 1979
- Engineer Officer Basic Course, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia 1977
- U.S. Army Airborne and Ranger School, Fort Benning, Georgia 1975, 1976

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

July 2019 – present Kansas State University Aerospace & Technology Campus

Faculty Member, Faculty Senator, Co-Chair Academic Affairs

- Teach Aviation Meteorology, Geology, Geology Lab, and Natural Disasters
- Provide service to the University as a Faculty Senator
- Serve as Co-Chair of Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee
- Serve College as Chair of the Course and Curriculum Committee

July 2016 – 2019 Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus Salina, Kansas

Director of Graduate Program

- Director of the Professional Master of Technology Program
- Serve the needs of 20+ graduate students including oversight of their admission, program of study, and advising
- Oversee all aspects of the degree including recruitment, assessment, marketing, and scheduling of courses

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2001 - 2016 Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus Salina, Kansas

Department Head and Geology Instructor

- Unit Administrator for the Arts, Sciences, and Business Department of the College of Technology and Aviation (The department offered both on-site and distance education courses in the areas of business, communication, math, sciences, social sciences, and humanities.).
- Served 16 full-time tenure track/tenured faculty and up to 23 additional part-time faculty
- Oversaw all aspects of an academic department including budgeting, tenure and promotion issues, advising issues, student and faculty dispute resolution, nomination of faculty for professional and teaching awards, annual evaluation and merit pay procedures, recruitment and supervision of part-time faculty, and oversight of the Department's strategic plan

1988 – 1992 Chevron U.S.A. Inc. New Orleans/Lafayette, LA. **Geologist/Geophysicist**

- Generated, evaluated, and recommended offshore oil and gas prospects, often with an investment exceeding \$12M
- Provided geological/geophysical support for two core properties with monthly revenue of several million dollars, and negotiated and coordinated joint business ventures

1981 - 1988 University of Illinois Urbana, Illinois **Teaching/Research Assistant**

1977 - 1981 U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Korea/Colorado **Captain**

- Trained, supervised, and provided for the welfare of 30 – 200 soldiers
- Trained and supervised the combat readiness of a 40-man platoon (25% Korean) near the DMZ in South Korea

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Presentation on the Technology Management degree in Topeka at the Capital Building to the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (KBOR), Spring 2015

Invitation by Kansas State University Assessment Office to represent the University at a week-long assessment workshop in Chicago. From this, I was a contributing member to the Kansas State University-wide “Academy for Student Centered Learning” offered to faculty during the fall 2013 semester.

Kansas State University Presidential Lecture Series, 2005 – 2017: “BP Oil Spill: Exploration, Drilling, and Oil Production in the Gulf of Mexico,” “Earthquakes and Tsunamis,” and “Geology: Its Impact on Society and Its Exciting Careers”

Von Bergen, D. and M. Johnston, Fall 2006. “Hard Knocks – What You Don’t Know Can Hurt”: *The Department Chair*, vol. 17, No. 2

Von Bergen, D. and M. Johnston, February 2006. “Hard Knocks – What You Don’t Know Can Hurt”: Presentation, 23rd Annual Academic Chairpersons Conference

Von Bergen, D. and M. Johnston, February 2006. “Hard Knocks – What You Don’t Know Can Hurt,” *Proceedings, 23rd Annual Academic Chairpersons Conference, 2006*

Von Bergen, D. and A. V. Carozzi, April 1990. Experimentally simulated stylolitic porosity in carbonate rocks: *Journal of Petroleum Geology*.

Von Bergen, D. and R. J. Tepper, April 10, 1989. Recent successes of Chevron’s coring program in loosely consolidated sediments – Gulf of Mexico – West Black Bay.