

## **CHAPTER PRESIDENT & DELEGATE**

### **Candidate Statement from Ed Quinn**

Ed Quinn for Chapter President. I'm running for re-election as Chapter President. I've been a UUP activist and union leader for 28 years. I will continue to engage our members to build a strong union, to advocate for the safety and well-being of our members, to build the relationships needed to address our members' issues and to work to foster solidarity with other unions. If re-elected, I promise to commit to the full term and to not abandon our members. I ask for your vote. Together, we can build on our successes. For more information please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/uupsbumou>.

Some of my UUP experience includes:

- Statewide Membership Development Officer - 10 years
- Member of Statewide Executive Board – 12 years
- UUP Delegate – 28 years
- Member of Contract Negotiations Team
- New York State Labor Religion Coalition – 10 years
- Chapter Vice President for Professionals – 6 years
- Member of NYSUT Fair Trade Committee – 6 years

### **Candidate Statement from Andrew Solar-Greco**

Our new administration has a transformative vision, and we must match that as a union. I am a Stony Brook alumnus, a professional, and UUP Member Development Officer. I am running for Chapter President because we need a leader that is visionary, proactive, and responsive to members. I am committed to fighting for our members' interests on issues such as pay equity and challenging all forms of discrimination in the workplace. Our contract expires next year, and together we must demand the raises we deserve and challenge our declining working conditions. A new vision is needed to counter the workload creep, staffing shortages, and budget cuts we have suffered for years. Together with the Member Action Coalition (MAC) slate I will negotiate a safe return to campus, remote work accommodations and flexible work schedules. Visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com) or [@uupmac](https://twitter.com/uupmac) on social media for my full candidate statement.

## **CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMICS**

### **Candidate Statement from Stacey Finkelstein**

The pandemic has laid bare a number of structural issues focused around equity: caregivers (predominantly women and people of color) are struggling and it's very clear that there are disparities in who gets to work and be productive in a pandemic. Thus, I would like to see a proactive chapter that advocates for inclusiveness and is mindful that the impact of the pandemic on all community members, regardless of title, will likely be felt for at least 5-10 years.

## **VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROFESSIONALS AND DELEGATE**

### **Candidate Statement from Rosalia Davi**

Our union plays such a significant role in our professional development and overall well-being at Stony Brook. By organizing and working together, we can advocate more effectively for changes that will benefit us all - a stronger contract, flex work options, clearer path to promotion, and support for caregivers. As Vice President for Professionals, I look forward to working with professionals and faculty across campus, listening to members' concerns, working together to identify solutions to the challenges we're all facing, and advocating for those most often overlooked (and overworked) in our membership - including entry-level, mid-career, and professionals from underrepresented communities. For more on my vision, visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com).

### **Candidate Statement from Louise Melious**

(also running for Professional Delegate) I am on 30 plus years as a SBU campus employee, and currently the UUP Chapter Professional Grievance Chair. I ask for your vote to continue to represent you and continue with my 15 years' experience in contract grievances, and interrogations. My qualifications include improper practice proceedings and Human Rights complaints. My insistence for justice has helped me become a strong, authoritarian leader, which can be a great attribute to bring to the table when dealing with issues of conflict with Management, and Administration. Previously, I have coordinated many union events, and created an orientation program currently presented to incoming new public employee hires. As the Vice President for Professionals, I will organize workshops and town halls for members to keep them engaged, and continue to address all concerns, challenges AND interests going forward. Vote for TEAM MOU!

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## CHAPTER SECRETARY

### Candidate Statement from Jennifer Carter

I am running for Chapter Secretary and Academic Delegate because transparency and accuracy matter. As a contingent faculty member and caregiver of young children, I understand the struggles our members face in a difficult labor market in the pandemic. When we're fighting for our own health and safety on a daily basis, now more than ever clarity matters. As Chapter Secretary, I will listen to members and fight for their voices to be heard. My background includes two years as an Academic Delegate, membership on the UUP Contingent Concerns Committee and Academic Council, 15 years at Stony Brook, three years as part-time faculty in three departments (Philosophy, Undergraduate Colleges, and the College of Business), and years working as a university library and IT professional. It's time to build a member-led UUP! Vote for the Member Action Coalition Slate of Candidates ([uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com)), and me for Chapter Secretary and Academic Delegate.

### Candidate Statement from Pamela Wolfskill

I have been a UUP delegate since 2001. I bring to my candidacy significant leadership positions in the University Senate and UUP and would bring knowledge of these organizations to my role as Secretary. I am not afraid to do my best to remain informed, serve and ask the tough questions at meetings with administrators and I pledge to produce, to the best of my ability, minutes that are accurate, thorough, concise and prompt. If elected, I promise to commit to the full term and to not abandon our members. For more details visit the MOU Team [tinyurl.com/uupsbumou](http://tinyurl.com/uupsbumou)

#### Highlights:

- UUP Delegate (20 years)
- UUP Chapter Secretary (3 years)
- UUP Membership Development Officer (3 years)
- UUP Statewide & Chapter Disability R&C Committee
- UUP Statewide and Chapter Women's R&C Committee (20 Years)

#### Other:

- President's ADA Advisory Committee 2001 – present
- SUNY University Faculty Senate State-Wide Senator 2015-2021
- University Senate Secretary 2018-2020 & Senator since 2010

## **CHAPTER TREASURER**

### **Candidate Statement from Paula DiPasquale-Alvarez**

I am running for Chapter Treasurer to become part of our chapter's leadership team and to continue to support our diverse membership. As an SBU employee for 28 years, an undergraduate alumna and a current graduate student, it's my obligation to be involved in our union and our campus community to assure our members have a voice. I bring to my candidacy 20 years of serving our UUP members as a professional delegate and/or chapter committee member; 9 years significant governance leadership experience and 17 years as a Senator. I have over 25 years' experience handling large budgets ranging from under \$10,000 to over \$10 million annually. It would be an honor to continue being part of representing our members. I ask for your support and vote. If elected, I promise to commit to the full term and to not abandon our members. For more details visit [tinyurl.com/uupsbumou](http://tinyurl.com/uupsbumou).

### **Candidate Statement from Jennifer Jokinen**

I have worked in higher education for 20 years spending the first half of my career at Hofstra University. At Hofstra I worked for the faculty union (AAUP) for four years as the Managing Director, running the day to day operations which included managing a large chapter budget.

I currently am a Graduate Program Coordinator for the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, and Graduate Program in Genetics. Since 2017, I have served as your Chapter Treasurer. I also serve at the Statewide level as a member of the Finance and Membership Committee. I'm a founding member of our Chapter's Grievance and Workplace Concerns Committee, which helps members not only with contractual violations but non-contractual workplace issues.

In my experience I have found a transparent union which engages members to take an active role in their union are those which are strongest. If you agree I would appreciate your vote for my 3rd term as your Treasurer, and Delegate!

## **CHAPTER OFFICER FOR CONTINGENTS AND DELEGATE**

### **Candidate Statement from Shoshana Hershkowitz**

My name is Shoshana Hershkowitz, and I'm running for my second term as Officer For Contingents at Stony Brook UUP because I believe that non tenure/permanent appointment track employees need an advocate who understands their unique working conditions. As a contingent myself, I am determined to continue to work to improve conditions for contingents, and a voice in the union. For more on my vision visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com) or [@uupmacsbu](https://www.instagram.com/uupmacsbu) on social media.

## **Chapter Academic Delegates**

### **Candidate Statement from Rebekah Burroway**

As a sociology professor who studies rights and empowerment, I am eager to use our union to bring about transformational change at this university. I want to build a transparent and democratic union that is attentive and responsive to the most pressing needs of its members. I plan to fight for a workplace that is free from harassment and discrimination – a workplace where people feel safe, no matter their race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic. Visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com) or [@uupmacsbu](https://twitter.com/uupmacsbu) on social media for my full candidate statement.

### **Candidate Statement from Eva Carceles**

I am a full Professor of Economics and have been a member of UUP since 2001. I became a department rep after the previous one retired to help other UUP members in my department and to recruit more members. I have been in numerous university committees over the years and know the university well. COVID has made clear that we need to be more active in Albany for our voices to be heard. I believe in a strong and cohesive Union leadership and this is what I want to contribute to. For more on my vision visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com)

### **Candidate Statement from Robert Chase**

As a scholar of civil rights and mass incarceration, I believe in shared governance and democratic transparency, particularly for organizations that promote economic, social, and racial justice. Since coming to SBU in 2013, I have been an active UUP member and in 2019 I worked as my department's representative. If elected as delegate, my aim would be to emphasize my core organizing values around transparency and democratic practice, while working to retain UUP's critical mission to improve the lives and work of professional staff, faculty, and contingent lecturers at Stony Brook University. For more on my vision visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com)

### **Candidate Statement from Josh Dubnau**

I have served UUP as academic delegate and grievance officer, and am running again as academic delegate. I joined MAC because we need a member-driven, democratic union. This need is particularly acute during a pandemic, budget catastrophe, and upcoming contract negotiation. When union leadership disengages members, we get weak contracts and anemic contract enforcement. For instance our contract provides inadequate paid parental leave and few protections for adjunct employees. Through MAC, we hope to engage more faculty and staff, improve terms and conditions of employment and advocate for dignity in the workplace. For my full candidate statement visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com)

### **Candidate Statement from Patricia Dunn**

I have been an academic delegate in the past, and I have attended a number of Delegate Assemblies in Albany and Saratoga Springs, serving on the Disability Concerns Committee. I have also participated in rallies to protest the unfair, profit-driven EdTPA (high-stakes test) for students in our teacher education programs. As a union, we must work as a unit to address inequities in higher education and to listen to the voices and concerns of all members who have a stake in what we debate and advocate for.

### **Candidate Statement from Crystal Fleming**

I am running to be a delegate in order to build solidarity with other faculty and professionals who would like to see our union take a stronger stance in support of our collective interests and needs. For more on my vision visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com)

### **Candidate Statement from Paul Fodor**

I am running as an Academic Delegate to continue to promote better contractual conditions for the non-tenure track/contingent faculty on campus. Since 2016, as a UUP Department and Academic Delegate and co-chair of the Contingent Committee, the Contingent Committee started developing plans for contractual conditions for the non-tenure track full-time and part-time faculty similar to the contractual conditions adopted in other SUNY and CUNY campuses. For more on my vision visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com)

### **Candidate Statement from Jeffrey Heinz**

Higher education has become increasingly corporatized and the pandemic has exacerbated contractual issues relating to workload, healthcare, promotion and tenure, as well as other key issues in the workplace, including diversity and equity. Strong democratic unions are needed to fight for fair contracts and for the rights and dignity of all faculty, professionals, and students. I urge you to vote for myself and the rest of the Member Action Coalition. Visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com) for more details.

### **Candidate Statement from Santa Ana Jeff**

I've been a member of our union since 2008. I teach and work in the English Department. I have academic interests that directly reflect the issues and concerns of members who want to see UUP become more dedicated to social justice issues, including racial justice; LGBTQ rights and queer activism; environmental justice and ecological integrity; the rights of immigrants, migrants and refugees. As a Delegate, I will represent these issues and concerns in addition to matters with transparency and fairness and equity for all staff and faculty. Visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com) or [@uupmacsbu](https://twitter.com/uupmacsbu) on social media for my full candidate statement.

### **Candidate Statement from Ken Lindblom**

Ken Lindblom for Academic Delegate I've been a delegate for about ten years, minus the two I served as dean of SPD, and I served on the UUP Statewide Executive Committee. I've lobbied locally and in Albany, advocated for Stony Brook at Delegate Assemblies, participated on state task forces regarding the EdTPA and Chancellor Zimpher's Teach NY initiative, and much more. At this time of severe budget restrictions, university reform, challenges from the pandemic, and national attacks against democracy and the rights of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, we must move forward together--in harmony with our new university leadership whenever possible--to protect the gains we've won and push for more rights for all members and workers.

### **Candidate Statement from Elizabeth (Liz) Montegary**

I'm running for my second term as Academic Delegate. I am honored to work as a queer studies professor at a public university with a strong faculty and staff union, and I feel a duty to make sure our struggle for racial, economic, and educational justice centers the fight for gender and sexual liberation. As a delegate, I want to help transform UUP into a member-driven, social justice union – a union that not only has a sophisticated analysis of higher education today, but that is also reaching for a radically different future. For my full candidate statement, visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com).



### **Candidate Statement from Joseph Pierce**

I currently serve as our chapter's Diversity Officer and Co-Chair of the Diversity Committee. I have organized a number of public discussions about racial and economic justice, coordinated public letters in support of Black, Asian/Asian-American, and Latinx union members, in addition to advocating for intersectional understandings of equity and justice throughout the union. As an Academic Delegate I will be: 1) a fierce advocate for underrepresented union members; 2) engaged with difficult issues such as diversity, equity, and inclusion across campus and beyond; and 3) working towards a better future for all of us union members. For my full candidate statement visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com)

### **Candidate Statement from Josh Rice**

As a newer contingent faculty, I am excited to serve UUP as an Academic Delegate and Department Rep for the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science. Off campus, I'm a multidisciplinary theatre artist who advocates for artists and underserved populations in senior living communities, correctional facilities, and rural communities with little access to the arts. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access are a priority for me as a Delegate. Additionally, I will stand up for clarity, transparency, and security for non-tenured contingent faculty. Visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com) or [@uupmacsbu](https://twitter.com/uupmacsbu) on social media for my full candidate statement.

### **Candidate Statement from Barbara Selvin**

I've been part of the SBU community most of my life: My father was a sociology professor and my mother was an associate vice provost. After 15 years as a newspaper reporter, I taught as an adjunct in what was then Stony Brook's journalism minor, helped plan the School of Journalism in 2005-2006 and became its first full-time professor in 2007. I'm proud to be part of MAC, which has a fresh, positive, committed approach to representing both academics and professionals at a time when we all need to fight to preserve public higher education. Learn more at [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com).

### **Candidate Statement from Julie Sheehan**

I'm a poet and Associate Professor of Creative Writing who's running for UUP academic delegate to build a strong, active union, our means to a workplace that reflects the same humane values and advocacy that we bring to our teaching. Higher education has drifted from its mission of educating students to be thinking, feeling citizens of the world. Public education has drifted from its mission of expanding access to such an education. But together we can restore our focus on what makes our work meaningful. For more on my vision visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com).

### **Candidate Statement from Benjamin Tausig**

My name is Benjamin Tausig, and I am running to support workers who are also caretakers, not only during the pandemic, but at any time. This burden, we know, is acutely raced and gendered. As a delegate, I will advocate for UUP to be immediately responsive to women, people of color, and contingent faculty laborers. Our union has an obligation to protect its most vulnerable and overtaxed members in a proactive and concrete manner, and to do so now. For more on my vision visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com).

### **Candidate Statement from F. Jason Torre**

As an active member of our campus community since 2001, I have been afforded the good fortune to work within our chapter to navigate the unique issues facing our campus, and now to be endorsed by the members of the Members Organize for Unity slate. Their experience, service and past advocacy works are a testament to their collective passion and dedication to our community. If elected as an Academic Delegate, I promise to honor your vote by continuing to serve the needs of all our membership in a fair and equitable manner for the benefit of all our members.

### **Candidate Statement from Fred Walter**

I have been a professor of Astronomy for 31 years. My union activity includes 3 years as VP for Academics. I am a Department Rep, and serve on the statewide Future of Public Higher Education committee. I have been President of the University Senate and SUNY state-wide Senator. Permanent progress is best achieved by knowing the system, and working inside it to affect changes. Locally, the voting membership of the EB must include all elected delegates, to better reflect the diversity of opinions. We should re-establish ties to the AAUP. I will work to further communications between UUP and governance. Statewide, UUP must steer clear of entanglements that distract from our primary concern: public higher education in NY. We must concentrate on advocacy for SUNY, improving our terms and conditions, and protecting non-tenure-track academics.

### **Candidate Statement from Michael Zweig**

I ask for your vote to continue to represent you as a statewide Delegate and member of our Chapter Executive Board. I want to continue to bring my UUP experience to the service of the younger cohort of leaders now rising in our Chapter, in the intergenerational transfer of leadership knowledge and responsibilities vital to our union's democratic future. I helped organize UUP in 1973, served as Chapter VP for Academics for 16 years and Delegate to statewide UUP, NYSUT, and AFT for forty years. I am an emeritus professor economics, having taught at Stony Brook from 1967 to 2016.

## **CHAPTER PROFESSIONAL DELEGATES**

### **Candidate Statement from Dominique Barone**

Vote for Member Action Coalition (MAC), a caucus within our UUP Chapter! I'm running for Professional Delegate, am a two-time alum ('03 & '07), and a member of the campus community for 20 years. I have two years of in-depth experience at both the Chapter and Statewide level, and I take pride in being a resource for colleagues in resolving their workplace concerns. If elected, I will continue to represent professionals at the statewide and chapter levels, particularly on issues related to the professional development and promotional opportunities for staff. For my full candidate statement visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com)

### **Candidate Statement from Alissa Betz**

Serving as a delegate, I can relay our concerns and help to work towards positive solutions. I have been a member of our campus for 18 years and feel it is important to be active and involved in our union so that we have a unified voice. I have previously served as Vice President for Professionals, Treasurer and as the chair of the Social Committee. I ask for your support and vote for reelection as a Professional Delegate.

### **Candidate Statement from Michael Boerner**

I have been a professional staff member at Stony Brook since 2016 and before that a graduate TA/GA since 2013. I am running because I believe I can draw on my experiences at SBU and represent the concerns of our union members. If elected, I hope to address issues of equity, justice, and transparency that have plagued higher education. I would like to see more professional development opportunities offered to address the systemic apathy towards career development. If Stony Brook wants us to invest in them, they also must invest in us. For my full candidate statement visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com)

### **Candidate Statement from Paula Di Pasquale-Alvarez**

As an employee for Stony Brook University for 28 years, an undergraduate alumna and as a current graduate student, it's my obligation to be involved in our union and our campus community. It is an honor to represent our members by serving another term as a delegate and represent our members both at the chapter and at the statewide levels. Together, we can assure our voice is heard, and concerns and needs are met. Vote for Team MOU! For more details visit [tinyurl.com/uupsbumou](http://tinyurl.com/uupsbumou).

### **Candidate Statement from Lisa Dimone**

If there was ever a time for union support and engagement it is now. The pandemic has shown how quickly the way we work and live can change and throughout this time UUP has been a strong advocate for all of us. I would be proud to continue as a professional delegate and contribute to advocating for the Stony Brook and Long Island communities. For more on my vision visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com)

### **Candidate Statement from Jacqueline Donnelly**

I welcome the opportunity to continue to serve our chapter and run for professional delegate with the Member Action Coalition (MAC). During my tenure as delegate from 2019 - 2021, I served as Co-Chair of the Communications Committee and Chapter Secretary. I am a graduate alum, and have worked as a professional employee for over 13 years. I feel a personal connection to our campus, and I am invested in its future as a progressive and diverse workplace. Member-driven unions are essential to protecting the integrity of public education and securing a collective voice. For my full candidate statement visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com)

### **Candidate Statement from James Doyle**

I am running for Professional Delegate to be more involved in chapter governance. I have worked in DoIT for the past 16 years. I regularly attend Chapter Exec Board Meetings and have been a resource for my colleagues as a Department Rep. Challenges such as increased workloads, position shortages, lack of compensative equity, lack of diversity, and other forms of austerity have become more common. We need strong chapter leadership to support our members concerns. I look forward to your vote to help make UUP a more member driven and inclusive union. Learn more about my vision at [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com).

### **Candidate Statement from David Ecker**

I am running for re-election as professional delegate. I have worked on campus for 25 years and been a member of UUP all of that time. As an active member and a delegate over the last few years, I have been able to advocate for our members providing a consistent, dedicated and reliable representation for the Stony Brook campus community. Through various roles as secretary, outreach committees and others, I have always found the union to be a place where our members can go for questions and help when they aren't sure how to handle situations. UUP continues to provide this for our members, as we enter this difficult time post-pandemic. We will have a number of challenges, I am delighted to be an active member in providing the right balance of listening and guidance in ensuring our members are represented.

### **Candidate Statement from Amanda Flanagan**

I ask for your vote as Professional Delegate as part of the Member Action Coalition (MAC) slate. In 2017 I joined Stony Brook University in a role that enables me to connect with colleagues across academic departments as well as student and administrative services. I look forward to giving a voice to Professionals within CEAS by advocating for transparency and equity. If elected, I will contribute integrity and values which will foster a collegial, forward-thinking, well-represented Chapter.

### **Candidate Statement from Tiffany Friedman**

I am running for delegate because we live in adversarial times in which workers' rights are being reduced while expectations of work output continue to increase. I've watched the conditions of various types of workers deteriorate as covid spread across the globe. Without unions (and sometimes even with them) workers are put in dangerous conditions or have to make difficult choices to survive. My goal is to be actively involved in the union, share info with members and expand the importance of organizing to enhance our lives. For more on my vision visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com).

### **Candidate Statement from Odalis Hernández**

For almost 15 years, I've prided myself in being part of the fabric that makes Stony Brook great by being a caring support system for my programs and students. At SBU we have the drive to improve and the humility to change in order to provide the best environment for our diverse community. I'll bring the same work ethic to our union. This standard of excellence has come at a great cost to our workforce. We must be willing to speak out for more equity, transparency, and democracy for all of us. For my full candidate statement visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com)

### **Candidate Statement from Anthony Italiano**

I work in IT as a Programmer/Analyst and have been a member of UUP since 2008. I've been helping other UUP members since 2018 in the role of department rep, as well as serving as a volunteer in the UUP communications and IT committees. I'm running for Professional Delegate to further my involvement and to speak up about the important issues we are all faced with in our jobs on campus. Together with strong chapter leadership that supports our Professionals and Academics concerns we can make the union stronger. For my full candidate statement visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com)

### **Candidate Statement from Jénille Johnson**

I am running for professional delegate because I want to be a useful resource for my colleagues. I am an active participant in UUP. I currently serve on the grievance committee, supporting members in conflict as a mediator and an ear to listen to their stories. In the delegate role, I can stay informed and be an asset to my department.

### **Candidate Statement from Marcella LaRocco**

I am a programmer analyst at Stony Brook Medicine, and I am running as a write-in professional delegate. The challenges we have faced during this pandemic have served to underscore the vital role UUP plays in protecting our rights.

One thing that has become evident is the importance of active engagement between UUP leadership and its members. As the union is only as powerful as its members, we need to have strong representation providing transparency to be able to affect meaningful change.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve our members as a delegate, advocating for fairness and equality in the workplace.

### **Candidate Statement from Nicole Loder**

I am running to help better our working and learning environments for not only our current and future students, but for ourselves and our loved ones. I am eager to become more involved to help create a unified campus, University, and community. We can do better, we deserve better, and I believe, we can do it together. For more on my vision visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com)

### **Candidate Statement from Pamela Matzner**

I have been at Stony Brook University for the past twenty two years and have enjoyed my work on the local and state levels. I began in Human Resources Services in 1998, served as a Counselor/Senior Counselor in the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) from 2000-2018, and was named Director of EOP in 2018. During my tenure in EOP, I have seen the importance of advocacy and standing up for those who cannot. I began my active participation in UUP by serving on the Disability Rights & Concerns State-wide Committee. It was then I realized I wanted more of an active role and was fortunate to be voted in as a UUP Professional Delegate in 2013 and have continued to serve as a Professional Delegate since. During my terms as a delegate, I actively participate in chapter meetings and the Delegate Assembly where I continue to voice my opinions and views to help make SUNY better, and in particular Stony Brook University. It is a pleasure to serve and represent the professionals at SBU, and I hope you will vote for me to continue to serve as a UUP Professional Delegate.

### **Candidate Statement from Charlie McAteer**

I am Charlie McAteer, and I am running for Chapter Professional Delegate. I worked at Stony Brook University for 37 years prior to retiring. I am a proud product of the SUNY system, have held several chapter officer positions (Treasurer, VP for Professionals & Officer for Retirees), and presently represent UUP Retirees statewide as their chair and executive board member. I have had the honor of receiving statewide awards for Advocacy & Organizing from UUP and AARP-NY and created/edited the 1st 10 years of your UUP Happy Pay Day. I am committed to working and excelling in the things I do for my organizations and that is what I plan on doing for You at Stony Brook as a UUP Professional Delegate. I ask for your Vote!

### **Candidate Statement from Nirla Mirantus**

The pandemic has brought to the forefront the issues that caregivers face while trying to care for loved ones and maintain employment. As a caregiver, I would like to bring awareness to this, with a focus on our diverse population. We are not going to solve the problems of today using the same thinking which we created them. As a delegate I would play a key role in creating the new thinking we need to solve our problems. Given the chance, I will listen to your concerns and work hard for you. For my full statement visit [uupmacsbu.com](http://uupmacsbu.com)

### **Candidate Statement from Laura Pellizzi**

I am running for Professional Delegate in the upcoming election. I am a Stony Brook Alum and have worked here at Stony Brook University on West Campus for 22 years. I have been an active UUP member for the last 12 years, a delegate for the last 6 or so years. I am currently the chair of the Women's Rights and Concerns Committee and both the College Committee for Professional Evaluation (CCPE) and the College Review Panel (CRP). This past year has been a challenge for everyone. Keeping these committees running and focused has been my main goal and happily, I've been able to do that. I look forward to continuing as an active UUP delegate and facing new challenges as we see what this next year will bring.

### **Candidate Statement from Edward Quinn**

For the past 28 years I have served as a Professional Delegate for our chapter. I am running for reelection in order to continue to represent our members at UUP Delegate Assemblies and bring forward their issues and concerns to our statewide organization. My experience in UUP is at all different levels from being a Statewide Officer, to representing UUP to other organizations, to chairing a Chapter committee. If elected, I promise to commit to the full term and to not abandon our members. I ask for your vote. For more information please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/uupsbumou>

### **Candidate Statement from Pamela Wolfskill**

I have served as a Professional Delegate since 2001 and once again ask for your support. I have the experience and knowledge to meet the current challenges facing professionals at Stony Brook. That is why I seek **YOUR** vote again to serve as delegate in ways that benefit **YOU**, the members of UUP. Together we must advocate and fight for our faculty, staff and students. The union is for everyone and I would foster the involvement of anyone interested in being involved, not just those who join a coalition. If elected, it would be my honor to continue to work for a collegial work environment for professionals.

### **Candidate Statement from Martha Ruth Zadok (write-in candidate)**

I have been a member of our campus community for 19 years. I am running for reelection as a delegate because I believe in what our union stands for. I also believe that we are stronger when we work together, and together we can move mountains. We can serve our colleagues and protect ourselves during hard times. I ask for your support and vote as a Professional Delegate.