Dear colleagues,

Senate is chartered by the Board of Trustees. Things happen in Senate that are important to faculty, students and administrators. As a University, we have not always done a great job of administering this institution, even when we have the best intentions. Ironically, one of the reasons why this happens is because we are surrounded by people like you - incredibly smart, intelligent, critical thinkers with opinions about the best paths forward to fixing our problems.

Even the best leaders, including the great Colonel Henry Martyn Robert, would find it difficult to navigate all those well-reasoned opinions.

Still, there are issues our Senate has grappled with for years that impact our ability to function effectively. One of those issues recently raised by a fellow candidate on the YSU-OEA listerv centered on electing faculty senators in a timely manner so as to conduct the business of the Senate. He's not wrong. And like many of you, I have simple suggestions for solving this problem. Yes, we have other problems to solve, but rather than offer my suggestions, I'd love to hear yours. One of the ways to do that is to give me the opportunity to serve as your Senate chair.

I love my job. I'm a good teacher, scholar, and community leader. I'm getting better at being your general education coordinator. I respect my colleagues, even those with whom I disagree. I am deeply committed to our students. If you vote for me, that's what you'll see. If not, that's okay, too. There's plenty of work around here to keep us all busy.

Relevant experience? Here's a snapshot:

* 30 years higher ed faculty and administration experience (including Pitt, Clarion)
* Faculty member with 20+ years teaching experience
* (Co)designed or redesigned more than 20 courses and 3 academic programs
* Multiple, varied university and community leadership roles
  + former executive director of the Ohio Communication Association
  + former executive director of the Youngstown Press Club
  + current VP of Shepherd of the Valley executive board
  + former chair of the Broadcast Education Association CAA division
  + former chair of the National Communication Association Mass Comm division
* YSU General Education Coordinator (current)
* Academic Programs Chair 5+ years
* Academic Senate Secretary
  + Implemented strategies as Senate Secretary for meeting online during COVID
* Interim Academic Senate Vice Chair (previously led 2 senate meetings when the chair was absence)
* Senator (department and at-large, 10+ years)
  + Author of successful standard change to upper-division hour rule
* Senate Committee Memberships
  + General Education
  + Academic Programs
  + UCC
  + UWLO (ad-hoc)
  + YES Committee (ad-hoc)
* 2020 Strategic Planning Communication Cornerstone Co-Chair
* Department Chair, 8 years

There's more, of course, including my most recent stint as president of a youth football and cheer organization. But rather than subject you to a 47-page CV, you should feel free to call or email me if you want to know more. Or, if you're feeling more adventurous, I can often be found at Dunkin or Chipotle, or Christman Dining Hall on Fridays for their half-priced buffet.

Always Y and Proud,

Adam