

BRIAN LINDSHIELD, CANDIDATE FOR FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT ELECT

The University is always undergoing change, but it seems we are now heading into a few years of great change. An interim president has recently been named for next academic year, a new president will be selected by a closed search, the university is in the midst of budget cuts with a pessimistic outlook for state revenues going forward and concealed carry appears to be headed to our campuses. Due to the time required and lack of reward for doing so, some faculty might be motivated to not get involved in shared governance at a time like this. However, hopefully we all are motivated to serve because times like these demand strong shared governance.

I am originally from Lindsborg, Kansas (Little Sweden USA). I played basketball and earned an A.S. degree at Pratt Community College in southwest Kansas before transferring to Kansas State University to receive my B.S. in Human Nutrition. After completing my Ph.D. in Nutritional Sciences from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2008, I was hired back as a faculty member in the now department of Food, Nutrition, Dietetics, and Health in the College of Human Ecology.

I became involved with Faculty Senate, without really understanding what I was getting into. A senator from my college was going on sabbatical and searching for a faculty member to complete the last semester of her FSCOT term. After initially turning down the opportunity, I accepted the appointment when she could not find anyone else willing to do so. I enjoyed the opportunity enough that I subsequently ran and was elected a senator representing my college. I served on FSCOT for three years along with a number of university technology committees during this time. After being re-elected for a second term last year, this year I have served as our college's caucus chair, Executive Committee Representative and am a member of the Faculty Compensation Taskforce. Another experience I think warrants mentioning, is my participation in the Dannon Nutrition Leadership Institute in 2013. This international program selects twenty recent nutrition Ph.D. recipients to attend a three-day intensive program, which I found to be really insightful in understanding how I am perceived by others and how to more effectively lead.

Part of my interest in pursuing this position now is that I have worked with president-elect Andy Bennett for several years to lead the Open/Alternative Textbook Initiative. The initiative is one of the largest, and most successful of its kind in the country. I think the leadership skills, communication, political acumen, and teamwork required for the initiative to reach this point will translate well to representing faculty from faculty senate leadership.

In talking to past presidents, a common theme is how much they learned and how positive of an experience serving as Faculty Senate President was overall. I have a great desire to learn and view this as a tremendous opportunity to learn more about all levels of the university. If elected, I promise to represent the faculty to the best of my ability and communicate the value in, and responsibilities of, faculty senators to the university at large. My hope is that faculty will be better informed about, have a greater appreciation for, and be more open to serving on Faculty Senate than I was when initially approached with the opportunity to do so.

Brian Lindshield

Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Kansas State University, Department of Food, Nutrition, Dietetics and Health, 2014-Present

Assistant Professor, Kansas State University, Department of Food, Nutrition, Dietetics and Health, 2008-2014

EDUCATION

A.S. Pratt Community College (2001)

B.S. in Human Nutrition, Kansas State University (2003)

Ph.D. in Nutritional Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2008)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Potential of phytochemicals, functional foods, micronutrients, and/or botanicals to inhibit prostate cancer development and/or progression
- Design and assessment of micronutrient-fortified blended foods produced using different commodities
- Assessment of the impact of international agricultural development interventions on nutrition and health outcomes
- Open educational resources (OERs) and other approaches to replace traditional textbooks.

INSTRUCTION

HN 400: Human Nutrition

HN 812: Advanced Micronutrient Metabolism (Team Taught)

HN 880: Seminar in Food, Nutrition, Dietetics and Health (One of multiple instructors)

LEADERSHIP

Faculty Compensation Taskforce, Kansas State University, 2015-2016

College Faculty Senate Caucus Chair & Faculty Senate Executive Committee, College of Human Ecology, Kansas State University, 2015-Present

Dannon Nutrition Leadership Institute, 2013

Open/Alternative Textbook Initiative, Kansas State University, 2013-Present

Office 365 Steering Committee, Kansas State University, 2013-Present

Email Upgrade Committee, College of Human Ecology Representative, Kansas State University, 2012

Faculty Senator, College of Human Ecology Representative, Kansas State University, 2012-Present

Faculty Senate Committee on Technology, College of Human Ecology Representative, Kansas State University, 2012-2015

Interim Faculty Senate Committee on Technology, College of Human Ecology Representative, Kansas State University, 2012

Chair, American Society for Nutrition Diet and Cancer Research Interest Section, 2011-2012