

Nomination Statement for  
BFA Chair  
May 2018 Elections

Bob Ferry

I began my term as BFA Chair last year with the goal of finding ways to bring the Assembly and the rank-and-file faculty closer together. I can imagine an Assembly of representatives who regularly and effectively communicate with their faculty constituencies on matters of interest and concern to the whole campus. Ideally, this communication will flow in both directions: in traditional fashion **out from** the Assembly to the constituencies with information and the results of the BFA standing committee work, but also **back to** the Assembly from the constituencies, with requests for information and responses to action proposed or taken by the Assembly. We made a start toward this goal—which I see as nothing less than making the BFA genuinely the voice of the faculty—and in a second term I anticipate doing a great deal more on this front.

As I'm sure all those who had this job before me learned rather quickly, the BFA Chair has responsibilities that greatly overflow the position's formal portfolio. Not everything gets done, and certainly some things could be done better. I have not given all of you the time and attention that your issues and concerns merited. But for me there has been real satisfaction in serving the BFA, and in the effort to make the BFA better serve us all. Working with some very extraordinary people—staff, officers, executive committee (ask me any time to tell you about them)—we have accomplished some worthwhile things. I look forward to doing more in the year to come.