

2019 Fredonia Chapter Elections Candidate Statement

Reneta Barneva – Chapter Grievance Chair Academic

My name is Reneta Barneva and I am running for **Grievance Chair for Academics** and for **delegate**. In the past four years I served as Grievance Chair. I am also a delegate and a member of the UUP-statewide *Grievance Committee* and *Constitution and Governance Committee*.

The Grievance Chairs for Academics is responsible for assisting the members of the chapter with problems and concerns. I work closely with the Labor Management Specialist to process grievances according to the appropriate procedures.

I have been at Fredonia for 18 years and over the years I have gained first-hand knowledge about the issues UUP members face. Prior to that, I have been over 10 years on the Executive Committee of the Senate, serving consecutively as Governance Officer, Vice-chair, Chair, and six years as SUNY Senator. This experience provided me with knowledge about the members in our sister institutions and about the SUNY system as a whole.

The position of Grievance Chair requires good listening skills and familiarity with the policies and procedures. I possess both qualities, which makes me a good candidate for the position.

Currently, Fredonia stands in front of one of the most serious challenges in its history – a very large budget deficit. The goal of my campaign is to assist the UUP members in this difficult time.