

Melissa Hooper - Vice President for Professionals

Hello, my name is Missy (Sidor) Hooper and I am running for Vice President for Professionals. I have been a member of the Communication and Disorders Department since 1997. At the beginning of my career here at SUNY Fredonia, I was a part-time adjunct instructor. Currently, I am a full-time professional staff member with the primary role of supervising graduate Speech-Language Pathology students at the Youngerman Center for Communication Disorders. I have served on the University Senate, the Faculty and Professionals Affairs Committee, and College Review Panel (for Professionals). In the past, I also served as our UUP Chapter Amenities officer and I am the current Chapter VP for Professionals.

Given the University's current financial crisis amidst COVID-19, my aim is to provide guidance, support, and education to the Professional staff members when navigating the challenges and issues such as workload creep, work-life balance, extra service/comp time, and accurate and timely performance programs/evaluations. As I have demonstrated in this past challenging year, my priority is to advocate for professional staff's personal health and safety, and rights under the union contract.