

Reneta Barneva – Grievance Chair for Academics

My name is Reneta Barneva and I am running for Grievance Chair for Academics and for delegate. In the past six 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 20 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. In the last six years I have also served on the UUP-wide Grievance Committee, which gave me the opportunity to work on some of the most difficult grievance cases.

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.

Fredonia academics stand in front of one of the most serious challenges in the university history – a large budget deficit, declining enrollment, and increased teaching load. The goal of my campaign is to assist the UUP members in this difficult time.