

Chair

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Statement of interest:

I respectfully nominate myself for the role of chair of the Wayne State University Latinx Faculty and Staff Association. Having served as a founding member and officer of LFSA and benefitted from the supportive relationships developed through my involvement, I wholeheartedly believe in the organization's mission and am invested in its success. LFSA has achieved a lot in just five years and brought greater visibility to Latino/as on campus; however, there is still a long way to go, especially around recruitment/retention of faculty and staff. I see

opportunity at this moment with WSU having a new president and provost.

If elected chair of LFSA, I would lead the board in developing a succinct plan that identifies a few goals and strategies for the next two years. The plan would guide our activities and provide clear opportunities for members to get involved. My strengths include communication, program and event management, and problem solving. I have applied these skills on behalf of LFSA on numerous occasions, such as leading the official launch event in January 2018 and coordinating the first three annual Latina/o/x welcome receptions, the third of which was delivered entirely online and expanded into a Hispanic Heritage Month series.

I hope to build on the hard work of the past and current chairs and of the many members who have dedicated precious time to see LFSA grow from an idea to the model organization it is today. Thank you for your consideration.