

CSU Candidate Statements

Position: CSU Chapter President

Candidate: Valerie Goss

My vision for the chapter is to have an engaged, fully functioning body that builds and protects the rights of people working in many ways to educate CSU students. I am an associate professor in the Department of Chemistry, Physics, & Engineering Studies. I began teaching in 2012 at CSU, became a union member, and currently serve as a department union rep. I have been a Union Delegate for the past 3 years, and I am currently the Chair of the Union Mobilization Committee. I have visited legislators in Springfield pressing for pay equity. In addition to my primary duties at CSU, I serve on a number of committees: PME, IBC, UBC, UASC, and the University COVID Task Force. I have leadership experience in the Faculty Senate, and as a Principal Investigator for state and federal research grants. I ask for your vote to serve as Chapter President.

Position: CSU Unit A Vice President

Candidate: Andrew Maselli, Ph.D.

I am a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences. I arrived at CSU in 2003 for my first tenure track position and to run the microscope facility. In addition to my primary duties, I have served in a number of ways. I am currently co-chair of the Institutional Biosafety Committee. I have served as PI for grants from the NSF, NIH and Department of Education. I helped organize the Safe Zones program and the LGBTQ+ Resource Center. I served as the co-chair of the Faculty Excellence Award Committee (2017). I am the chair of the Scheinbuks Endowment Scholars Awards Committee. Although I have participated in Union activities since I arrived on campus, this will be the first time I have run for office. I ask for your vote to serve you as Unit A Vice President.

Position: CSU Vice President Unit B

Candidate Name: Arthur Amaker

This year marks my sixteenth year at Chicago State University. Throughout my tenure here as a Unit B professor, I have noticed the lack of strong representation for non-tenure track faculty, and this needs to change. The academy is a place that needs to realize that all of its faculty are important, and that non-tenure track professors possess the same work ethic, quality of teaching, and quality of research as our tenured peers. I have personally gained respect from my colleagues both in and out of the university for the aforementioned items, and I know that I am not unusual in this respect. All faculty need to remunerated and appreciated equally for our voices and talents. I will change this for the benefit of not only Unit B but all professors at our university. Thank you for your consideration.

Position: CSU Chapter Secretary

Candidate Name: Paul Fina

Greetings! I am a clinical assistant professor with the department of pharmacy practice. I am a registered pharmacist which lets you know that I am organized and want to ensure all i's are dotted and t's are crossed appropriately. I'm happy to run for this position again and to serve the organization. Thank you for your consideration.