

GSU Candidate Statements

Position: GSU Unit A Vice President, HOD Representative

Candidate Name: Dr. Carlos Ferran, CMA, CSCA, KM

I believe in unions that promote equality and fairness by helping everyone rise and not by pulling members down. I believe that unions are the basis for the middle class and the American dream of a good life for all those who work for it. I am and have always been Labor, and I am very proud of it. I believe in working together and in putting myself in the shoes of my adversary. A person is not better than others per se, but some work harder than others.

I am a professor of Accounting, Strategy, and MIS at the College of Business of Governors State University. I have been here since 2010. I have been a delegate to the House of Representatives and the IFT/AFT Convention since 2012. I attended all the meetings and conventions except for one when we did not have the budget for all delegates to attend. I was elected as Unit-A VP in 2012 and 2015. I did not run in 2018.

Position: GSU Unit B V.President, House of Delegate, IFT Convention Delegate, UPI Executive Board

Candidate Name: Sam Shahid, Lecturer

I hope you are doing well. I am running for the **Unit B Vice President, House of Delegate Representative, AFT/IFT Convention Delegate and UPI Local Exec Board** of the GSU UPI Local 4100. Let me introduce myself for the position.

- In 2002, I started my teaching career at Harold Washington College, Richard J. Daley College, Moraine Valley Community College, Lewis University and Governors State University.
- In 2002, I earned Master of Science in Computer Science from GSU.
- In 2007, I started teaching Computer Science at GSU.
- I have seen GSU gone through transformation (ex: 4 year public school, doctoral program, renovation, national recognition and ranking and so much more.)
- Teaching is a noble profession where we educate our community to make a difference and be productive in our global society.
- I have been a proud member of AFT-IFT and NEA-IEA.
- As a Unit B Vice President, I will collectively fight for better upcoming contract negotiation such as working conditions, professional development stipend, benefits, wages, workload, merit based awards and so much more.
- I am active member of GSU UPI Local 4100: Chairperson of Legislative Committee, Member of Mobilization/Organizer Committee, Member of Elections Nomination Committee and Member of Negotiation Team.
- I taught mathematics, computer science, information technology, cyber security, robotics and drone engineering.

Position: GSU Treasurer

Candidate: Jeannine Klomes, Associate Professor

Hello Professional Colleagues, It is a pleasure to run for the position of GSU University of Illinois (UPI) treasurer. I have been an active UPI member since Fall 2000 serving in various roles such as secretary, treasurer, and House of Delegates. Prior to GSU employment, I was an active union member (secretary/treasurer) of School District 167, Glenwood, IL. Serving UPI emboldens me to remain abreast of higher education movements related to working conditions, contract negotiations, and institution initiatives. If re-elected as treasurer, I will conscientiously attend to our funds as well as advance my knowledge base to respectfully serve higher education professionals.