

Joe March PhD - Chair *(will serve as Chair of the Faculty Senate during September 2022-August 2023)*

(Statement written when he was elected Chair-Elect, in March 2021) I am honored to be asked to serve as Chair of the UAB Faculty Senate for a second time. My first experience in the Senate occurred in the Early 2000s (Senator 2003-2005, Chair-Elect 2005-2006, and Chair 2006-2007). During my prior term we increased Senate participation on university-wide committees and the Faculty Development Grant program. I was elected to the Senate in the past year and currently serve as the Chair of the Curriculum Committee. The university has grown and changed dramatically since my first turn as Chair and I enthusiastically accept the nomination.

My primary role at the university is in the Department of Chemistry, as the General Chemistry Coordinator. This program is typically a first exposure to university-level science for almost 40% of all incoming students and has grown to almost 1,000 students during my career. We have created a program that is student-centered and encourages students to not only learn chemistry but learn about the campus and themselves. I have interests in helping faculty strengthen their abilities in the classroom and improve their mentoring skills, and I will be an advocate for increasing faculty development opportunities in this domain.

I have a long history of participating in university initiatives that have impacted the campus. I have served on the UABTeach Exploratory Committee, the Freshman Convocation Committee, and the Signature Core Curriculum Committee (2018-2020). I chaired the Honors Coordination Committee (2006) that recommended the formation of the Global and Community Leadership Honors Program and the eventual formation of the Honors College. These campus-wide committees have exposed me to faculty and staff from across the campus and I have appreciated learning about the diverse perspectives that our campus houses. I recognize that faculty don't all experience the university in the same way and that the Senate must communicate how new ideas and initiatives impact our roles on campus. Thus, I will strive to keep open lines of communication between the Administration, the Senate, and the faculty.

Faculty have been adapting to the requirements and effects of the pandemic and the next couple of years will present opportunities for us to build upon the new strategies and skills developed. I look forward to representing the faculty as UAB continues its path toward excellence.



Karen Cropsey - Chair Elect *(will serve as Chair of the Faculty Senate during September 2023- August 2024)*

I have been a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine since 2007. I am a Professor and Vice Chair for Clinical Research and I Co-Director the School of Medicine's Center for Addiction and Pain Prevention and Intervention (CAPPI). My clinical and research work, which has been consistently funded by NIH for over twenty years, focuses on developing novel interventions for treating substance use disorders, particularly among disenfranchised populations. I was first elected to the Faculty Senate six years ago and have held various leadership roles including: Chair of the Research Committee; Senator-at-

Large; a member of Faculty Senate Executive Committee; and Chair of the Faculty Development Grant Program, a university-wide pilot grant program for junior faculty. I am a full Professor with tenure in the School of Medicine. I am running for the sole purpose of representing faculty's interests. I believe my senior status and my leadership accomplishments make me a strong voice to represent faculty in our goal for shared governance.