President-Elect Statement Stephen Blackwell Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures (Russian)

I have been at the University of Tennessee for nearly twelve years, and I'm completing my first year as a senator, where I have been serving on the budget committee. I have served four years on the local AAUP chapter's executive committee, including one year as chapter president (2003-2004), during which we helped monitor the "Review and Redirection" process among other activities. As AAUP chapter president I also served as an "at large" member of the faculty senate executive committee and participated in the faculty handbook revision process.

The faculty senate plays a vital role in helping to shape the university's future, both through the avenues of shared governance and through direct advocacy concerning issues that administrators find inconvenient to address. There are two main issues I would like to see pursued, should I be elected; a review of how service activities are considered and weighted in the faculty evaluation process, and a review of the professional status of lecturers at UT across various colleges and departments.

I believe that I will be more fully prepared for the challenges of Senate President and President-Elect in a few years' time, but I am honored to have been nominated for this very important role.