

Jennifer Dumoulin – Letter of Presentation

Dear Colleagues,

First and foremost, thank you for taking the time to read my letter of presentation. I know that it is yet another ask on your already-full plate as a Part-Time Professor.

I'd like to take a moment and share a bit about my history at the University of Ottawa:

- 12 years at the University of Ottawa as a student (undergraduate, M.A., Ph.D.)
- 4 years as a Part-Time Professor at the University of Ottawa
- 3 years as a student advocate with the Communication Graduate Students' Association
- 3 years as an active member of the APTPUO's Committees (Academic Affairs, Bargaining)

What else can I bring to the Board of Directors of the APTPUO?

I also bring a wealth of experience and expertise gained through employment in the federal government and volunteer activities in the world of not-for-profit sport. As the President and Chair of a local not-for-profit sports organization, I have advocated for change in the world of safe sport, proposed and implemented significant policy reform, and worked to mitigate the impact of the pandemic of our operations. I am also a non-practicing lawyer in good standing with the Law Society of Ontario.

Why am I running for a position on the Board?

I have been a member of the University of Ottawa community since I began my academic career as an undergraduate student in 2004. During this time, I have experienced the university as a student (on numerous occasions), a varsity athlete, support staff, a part-time professor, and a member of the bargaining committee. This experience provides me a nuanced understanding of the operations of the University of Ottawa and the conditions of employment that part-time professors work under.

I have seen, and experienced, the challenging environment that we operate in as Part-Time Professors. The precarity and uncertainty of not knowing what classes we'll have – or when we'll find out. The invisibility from not being included or integrated into Faculty and Departmental events. The difficulty and extra work that stems from a lack of information and access to resources. The frustration from increasingly being asked to do more with less.

As a member of the Bargaining Committee during the last round of negotiations, I listened to many members and heard the same. Our goal is to educate, to create unforgettable and meaningful experiences for our students and we do this, day in and day out, just like our full-time colleagues. We deserve better working conditions, including more resources, so that we can continue to focus on this – and we deserve to be compensated and treated accordingly.

Thank you for considering my candidacy,

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To learn more about my values and experience, please visit: www.jendumoulin.com.