

Executive Assistant	Statement
<p><b>Jemie Robertson</b> (Music Faculty)</p>	<p>I firmly believe that we as EIU-UPI members and representatives should serve to strengthen the bonds between all faculty. Our relationships are challenged by both the tiered benefit system and the tiered employment system (unit A/B). We should strive in negotiations to reduce/eliminate these differences within our bargaining unit.</p>
<p><b>Christopher Mitchell</b> (Theater Faculty)</p>	<p>I would be honored to serve in the Executive Assistant position if so elected. I have been active with UPI since 2001, when I joined the EIU faculty, and have had the pleasure of serving the Union in several capacities of increasing responsibility: as a delegate to the House of Delegates (2009-present) and to the IFT/AFT (2012-present), as a department representative for Theatre Arts (2010-present), and as a member of the CPAL committee (2013-present). I have lobbied for our pensions in Springfield with fellow Union members, have stood in solidarity with faculty from peer institutions in their times of crisis, and have voiced strong objections to “across-the-board” cuts as a member of CUPB. I have also recently trained at the ULI Great Lakes Union Leadership institute (2013) to learn strategies for contract negotiation and thus hope to assist in the next contract cycle. My commitment to and faith in shared governance remains strong as ever, and I feel it is my duty as a senior faculty member to “give back” and fight for the vulnerable, particularly during this time of impending severe budgetary cuts</p>
<p><b>Nancy Crone</b> (Kinesiology Advisor)</p>	<p>I have worked at EIU for 8 years and have been an active UPI member over the past few years. I would like more involvement and look forward to the challenge of serving at the Executive Board level. As an ASP, I attended and participated in the Negotiations Agenda Committee meetings during our last contract negotiations. More recently I worked with a fellow ASP member to generate a survey on ASP workloads and co-wrote a House of Delegates (HOD) resolution to study advisor workloads across UPI campuses. (This resolution was successfully adopted.) During the 2013 HOD, I agreed to chair a committee convened in response to the Advisor Workload resolution and am in the process of working with GSU's Carla Johnson on this resolution. Last May, I participated in the meeting organized by the UPI Local in Springfield to converse with legislators about the needs of higher education to continue to successfully serve our students. I also worked with Dr. Fern Kory and Ms. Ann Brownson to establish a fund for teachers in training to receive assistance in paying for mandated state tests where financial assistance was needed.</p>

<b>Unit B ACF Representative</b>	<b>Statement</b>
<b>Alyson Vaaler</b> (Booth Library Instructor)	<p>As a newly hired faculty member (as of August 2013), I am still integrating myself into the community here at EIU. Serving as the Unit B ACF representative would give me a chance to take on a more active role in the EIU community.</p> <p>In the past, I have served on several university committees, including an Honorary Degrees committee. I am familiar with how university committees are conducted. I also served on the executive board of my college sorority and conducted meetings according to appropriate parliamentary procedures.</p> <p>I believe that the union serves an important role on campus as the voice for faculty. If selected to serve as the Unit B ACF representative, I will do my best to advance the mission and goals of the union.</p>