Summary Narrative Service

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Since being awarded continuing appointment in 2018 and becoming department chair in 2019, my service roles have expanded greatly. The two service roles that have been the most impactful and deserve to be highlighted are my service as Computer Science Department Chair and service as Faculty Senate Vice-chair.

Much has happened since I became department chair in 2018; times have often been turbulent and challenging, and the landscape has changed significantly in the past 6 years. Through everything, the Computer Science Department faculty work together toward our goals, with our students' success and well-being always the top priority. We solve problems collectively. As department chair, I often serve as the liaison and advocate for our students, programs, department, and faculty in conversations outside the department. Along with the rest of our university community, Computer Science has surmounted several big challenges in recent years: the pandemic, SUNY Potsdam's realignment process, institutional implementation of assessment, enrollment declines, and the financial situation. As department chair, I have done my best to advocate for Computer Science students, programs, and faculty, and make space for our department faculty to work together to address problems.

During the COVID pandemic of March 2020-May 2021, Computer Science went to fully virtual instruction. When the initial lockdown was announced in March 2020, the department faculty made decisions and set up technology tools to support moving online within 24 hours of the announcement of the shift to virtual. We received very positive feedback from students about the speed of our transition and the level of communication we provided throughout that semester. The return to in-person instruction in Fall 2021 was accompanied by changes in university leadership and the academic realignment process. In concert with my Computer Science colleagues, I spearheaded the return of our programs to full status by spring 2022.

The increased awareness of assessment across the university presented challenges but is a positive development in the end. Discussions of assessment have become part of the fabric of department conversations about curriculum. I have taken on the responsibility of writing the department's assessment documents, with feedback, edits, and approval by the other Computer Science faculty.

In August 2023, Computer Science gained approval by SUNY and SED of revised curricula for both our Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees. The process of designing the new programs began in 2018, and by Spring 2023 the changes had been approved through all levels at SUNY Potsdam. I shepherded our curriculum revisions through many steps of the approval process and fielded questions when they arose.

In recent months, it was decided that the long-time home of Computer Science, Dunn Hall, will be closed and demolished. I have been deeply involved in the process of finding a new home for Computer Science that will meet the needs of our students and programs. The prospect of moving is both exciting and intimidating, and I look forward to the opportunity to increase Computer Science's visibility in a new location.

Serving as Faculty Senate Vice-chair was a very different kind of experience. I was elected in spring 2020 and served the full 2-year term. It was my pleasure to serve beside Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Blair Madore and many colleagues from across the university. As already noted, 2020-2022 was a difficult time and brought on many hard conversations. I attended Faculty Senate meetings, assisting with running those virtual meetings and attended weekly Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meetings. I was honored to be able to serve the SUNY Potsdam faculty in that role.

I served as Faculty Senate Delegate for 3 years, and I am currently a member of two Faculty Senate Committees, Academic Programs and Curriculum Committee and Business Affairs Committee. I was elected as an at-large delegate to the Arts and Sciences Council in 2017 and continue to serve in that body as department chair. I am on the CSTEP Advisory Board and am active in the STEM programs group. I am also a member o the Jefferson County Community College Computer Science Advisory Board. In 2019 and

2020, I was a member of search committees for Chief Information Officer and a STEM Teaching Faculty Visiting Assisting Professor. I am currently a member of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Working Group.