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דרגה : פרופסור מן המניין
פקולטה : מדעי החברה
חוג : פסיכולוגיה

I am a Professor of Psychology and have worked at the university since 2008. I am asking for your support to represent university faculty within our University Faculty Senate.

I believe that an **independent, democratically-elected, and representative** Faculty Senate is necessary for a healthy and thriving institution. The Faculty Senate is tasked with a critical checks-and-balances role with respect to university leadership decision-making. Yet, for many years, the Senate has been functionally appointed by the deans and rector rather than freely elected through wide participation among university faculty. Not only is this problematic in principle but this "system" has had real costs. Indeed, consequential decisions are made by the Senate – such as selection of university leadership (e.g., rector), nomination of critical committees (e.g., appointments and promotion), and shaping institutional strategic priorities and decisions (e.g., growth and development). I am furthermore (very) concerned about the priorities, decision-making, institutional norms, and leadership at the university. I would like to be part of a new democratically-elected and representative Senate that **works to re-establish the role of faculty in and on the future of the University of Haifa**. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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