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This is my 17th year as an academic following a career in industry and several years as a serving officer in the RAF. As a professional teacher my purpose is simple: to add value for our students and see them graduate with the skills and knowledge they need to get their careers started. To do this we need to achieve excellence in teaching; this means our teaching must be inspirational and relevant whilst ensuring a great student experience. As we all know this is not always easy, we talk about the student experience, but pay little attention to the day-to-day experience of teaching. If we want our students to excel and enjoy their time with us then the University needs to provide an excellent teaching experience for all staff supported by effective leadership, management, administration, training and funding.

As a member of Senate I believe I will be an effective voice for SoSS. I will endeavour to influence decision making and, on your behalf, work to safeguard our common interests and in so doing improve both the *teaching* and *student* experience.