Mike Stiber · candidate for GFO Vice Chair

I am honored to have been asked by my colleagues to stand for election for GFO Vice Chair. Much has changed during the nine years that I've been part of the UWB community, but some things, for better and for worse, have stayed the same. These next two years promise to bring much additional change to our campus. Not only will we be hiring a new Chancellor and building a lower division program, but we will also need to grow in terms of the breadth of educational opportunities we offer. A four-year campus with only three undergraduate degree programs is not viable over the long term, nor can it be expected to maintain community or political support, as evidenced by reduced enrollment and the current push for a new, four-year campus in Snohomish County. It is imperative that the GFO work vigorously to advance the faculty's share of UWB leadership during these coming changes. Despite any trepidation that we might have over them, I am optimistic that we can shape events to our advantage and promote the core principles that make UWB special. I would be pleased to be selected to help lead us through this period. I believe that I, along with the Chair and members of the revised GFO committees, can pursue a planning process in which decisions are made based on academic merit and what is best for our students, faculty, and staff; this is the best way to achieve long-term enrollment stability and support. If you want to know more about me and my teaching and scholarship, my home page is at: http://faculty.washington.edu/stiber/. Thank you.