

CANDIDATES

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (ELECT TWO FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM)



Tanya Smith PhD, RN, CNE



My name is Tanya Smith and I am running for the position of International Governance Committee member for the 4 year term. I have been a Sigma member for over twenty years. I have been active in my home chapter Nu Zeta for the last ten years. Most recently I have

served on the Nu Zeta board as Leadership Succession member, Leadership Succession Chair, Vice-President/President Elect, and President.

I am currently on my second year as President of the Nu Zeta board. During my time as a board member of Nu Zeta I have gained knowledge about the policies and procedures of Sigma including the chapter bylaws. I have participated in membership engagement and nurse leader member recruitment. One of the most significant contributions I have personally invested in is the Nu Zeta board member orientation. I strive to ensure each board member fully understands their role and what is expected as a board member. With the aid of the Sigma website and chapter management system, board members have access to many resources to help them reach their full potential. During my time as President elect and President, I strive to engage our board members to create meaningful ways to include our members in activities such as programming, community events, and recognition events. Because of the active involvement of our Nu Zeta board, this year we are able to submit a robust chapter key award application.

Professionally I am the assistant chair of the Department of Nursing at Fort Hays State University. With this role I oversee the Undergraduate programs in the Nursing Department. As a leader I guide approximately fifteen faculty\ with course delivery and student interactions. I also oversee the Undergraduate curriculum committee which ensures appropriate

nursing education standards are met. In addition to the assistant chair role, I teach nursing courses to both undergraduate and graduate students focusing on leadership and management concepts.

As a member of the International Governance Committee, I will serve Sigma as needed to maintain appropriate bylaws and other committee requirements as needed. I have a PhD in Nursing and have published several manuscripts. The written and editing skills gained by completing my PhD benefit my ability to critique written documents. As a Governance Committee member, I will be committed to Sigma both in time and philanthropy. I look forward to this opportunity to serve the nursing profession.