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Dear Members of the Academic Senate,

I would like to serve on the Grade Appeal Committee. I am a tenure-track full time faculty member in the Biology Department finishing my 2nd year. I am interested in serving on the Grade Appeal Committee because I think the committee provides a valuable service by allowing students to raise concerns about their grade, evaluating the situation from the student's and instructor's perspectives, and making fair and impartial recommendations with the other members of the committee. In my previous career as a physician, I often had to weigh the perspectives of the patient, surgeons, and other staff along with data, to come to a conclusion about the best path forward. These past experiences along with a desire to treat students and faculty fairly make me a good candidate for the committee. Thank you for considering me.

Kindly,

Melissa Wheeler

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