

Candidates for FSU Executive Committee, Spring 2022 Vice President Special Election

The following individual has submitted the required paperwork to be a candidate for a position on the FSU Executive Committee. Below is the candidate, their title, and a 150-word statement.

[Vice President – Special election, vote for one](#)

Jeff Melnick, Professor, American Studies

With the election of Caroline Coscia as our next president, and our first president from the ranks of Non-Tenure Track faculty, the FSU stands at an important juncture. Our work now is to lean into the nitty-gritty work of member services, provide forceful challenges at labor management meetings and the all-too-soon next round of bargaining to what our President-elect called an “often intransigent” administration, and to increase interunion solidarity *on campus* and across the country. If elected as VP of the FSU want to work, as I have as an ExCom member and first-ever communications director, to support our membership across all faculty and librarian ranks. From large-scale political battles to the most local of campus concerns, I am dedicated to building union strength on campus so that we can truly transform UMB into a just and healthy place that serves our students and the broader community alike.