

Issoufou Soumaila
Candidate for the NLC Board of Governors



Candidate Statement

My name is Issoufou Soumaila, and I am running for the position of faculty representative on the Northern Lights College (NLC) Board of Governors. Since joining NLC in August 2017, I have been dedicated to both teaching and institutional service. In addition to my role as a Business Management Instructor, I have actively contributed to several key committees, including the Academic Policy Subcommittee, the Professional Development Committee, and the Academic Integrity Committee. Additionally, I have served as the Chair of UNAS and its related programs since 2019.

Through my various roles at NLC, I have had the privilege of collaborating with colleagues across departments, allowing me to gain a comprehensive understanding of both the opportunities and challenges we face as faculty in a small, rural college. My engagement in academic policy discussions, faculty mentorship, and institutional support initiatives has equipped me with the experience and perspective needed to effectively represent my colleagues on the NLC Board of Governors.

Beyond my experience at NLC, I have previously represented national government and international organizations in high-stakes policy-making committees, providing me with valuable insight into governance, strategic decision-making, and institutional advocacy.

As your next faculty representative, my primary goal is to advocate for faculty interests in key decision-making processes while fostering a collaborative and cohesive board environment that advances the college's mission. I am committed to ensuring that board decisions are inclusive, transparent, and aligned with the best interests of both the institution and the communities it serves. A key priority for me is to maintain open communication with faculty members, ensuring that their voices are heard and represented effectively.

I would be honored to have your support and trust as your next faculty representative on the NLC Board of Governors.

Thank you,

Issoufou Soumaila