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**Statement in Support of Nomination for Industrial Relations and Professional Committee,
Academic**

Dear TEU:

I have been a member of the TEU for the past 6 years and have enjoyed the collegiality, information, support and inspiration I gain from being a member. I am interested in being part of the Industrial Relations and Professional Committee for a number of reasons based on my interests. Perhaps the most obvious is my legal background and interest in employment law. Although I have not practiced law for a number of years my academic work and continued interest in the area of industrial relations and labour studies has been sparked by the changes I have seen in the ITP sector and more generally in tertiary education. I have been working in a newly merged organisation that has created an interesting mix of employment difficulties, structural reorganisation and a move to a fully online delivery of our legal studies programmes. On top of this unique experience I am also working on a Master's thesis research project focusing on tertiary education so my role on the committee will be complemented by this work

I would like to part of a committee that can make positive changes for everyone working in the sector and to help, even in a small way, to make the tertiary environment a more fair, equitable and desirable place to work.

Kind Regards/ Ngā mihi mahana

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