

Hello, my name is Grant Bush and I am standing for the University General Staff position on the TEU Council. I am married and have three grown daughters, I work in the ITS department at Canterbury University where I am an Infrastructure Architect. I have been in the University Sector for over 30 years and I have been in the Union for most of this time, first in the Technicians union and then AUS where I worked on a number of local and national committees. Now in TEU, where I have served on the Canterbury branch Committee, the Industrial and Professional Committee and the TEU Council.

This is a time of great change in tertiary education. The Labour lead government is proposing sweeping changes to our sector and there are opportunities for us as a union to make a real difference to our conditions of work and outcomes for students. But we need a strong voice to make sure our views are heard and that government is held to account for its promises

For a long time now government departments (including Universities) have been backwaters of industrial relations, always lagging behind the private sector. I believe that this is the wrong way around, government departments should be exemplars of how industrial relations should be done in this country and they should be examples of how a fair and equitable workplace should work.

I believe in a fair society for everyone and that it is the duty of everyone to support those less fortunate than themselves and that only by doing this can we create a safe place for us all. This means that I am a strong advocate for insecure workers and critic of the casualization of our work

It is only through an organisation like the TEU that we can change these things for the better. If elected I will be a strong voice for the General Staff of the Universities at the National level of the union.

Thank you