

## CUWFA Board Member Candidate Form

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| YOUR NAME: Michele L. Vancour, PhD, MPH  | TODAY'S DATE: February 23, 2017 |
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| <p><b>BIOGRAPHIC STATEMENT - 500 word maximum, please</b><br/>(Please include personal and professional history as it relates to work/life issues in higher education and describe your specific areas of interest for involvement in the Board. )</p> <p>I am in my 19<sup>th</sup> year at Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU), where I am a professor of public health and director of the Office of Faculty Development. My research has focused on work-life topics and issues affecting faculty, staff and students, and it culminates in practical applications for institutions of higher education. I have researched, written and presented on topics of breastfeeding in higher education, leadership development, health promotion and work-life balance, and motherhood ideology. In 2014, I was named the SCSU point-person for workplace flexibility in response to the ACE National Challenge for Higher Education. I chair SCSU's new Work-Life Advisory Committee, which is comprised of leaders, faculty, and staff who provide guidance to help make Southern a great place to work and learn. In 2015, I was the recipient of the CT ACE Women's Network's Distinguished Academic Woman in Higher Education Leadership Award.</p> <p>I have served CUWFA as a member of the board, past president, and chair of the conference program committee for over ten years. I became a member of CUWFA in 2003, and I credit CUWFA and its membership for my professional development in the work-life arena. I would not be in the position I am in without the CUWFA's amazing resources. CUWFA's membership is filled with exceptional professionals at all stages of the work-life spectrum, and they generously share their experiences and lessons learned on every possible topic. After all that I have received, I would like to return the gifts and share my experiences as a board member. At this time, I believe that I have much to offer the membership, and I would be honored to serve on the Board of Directors.</p> |                                 |