

Statement of candidacy – JACFA Executive Member



My name is Esther Szeben, and I have been a proud member of the John Abbott College community since 2016 as a teacher in the Information and Library Technologies Department. For the past four years, I have also served as Fieldwork Coordinator, overseeing student placements in Archives and Records Management settings—an experience that has strengthened my ability to build partnerships and advocate for student success.

Beyond the classroom, I have contributed actively to college governance and faculty development. I have served on committees such as Cheating and Plagiarism Appeals, Curriculum Validation, and currently Faculty Professional Development. From 2019 to 2022, I was a representative on Academic Council, where I worked collaboratively with our administrators.

Many of you know me from these roles and from our work together on various committees. I am diligent, organized, and committed to representing faculty interests. Having worked in non-unionized colleges earlier in my career, I deeply value the strong, united voice we have at JAC. Since the last contract negotiations, I have been an active member of our Faculty Association's Mobilization Team, helping lead initiatives such as "Let Them Eat Cake" during the 2023 boycott of Open House.

While challenges remain between our union and administration, I believe my experience, communication skills, and collaborative approach position me to advocate effectively for our faculty. I am committed to listening, engaging, and ensuring that our collective voice continues to be heard.