Joan Wittig, Candidate for Secretary (Graduate Creative Arts Therapy Department)

I came to Pratt from 16 years of working as a dance/movement therapist at Health and Hospitals Corporation, the New York City healthcare system. I loved working with patients, but the bureaucracy that is the healthcare system was breathtaking. The move to Pratt some 25 years ago was, by contrast, a breath of fresh air!

I have always been committed to union work, serving as acting shop steward and advocating for my co-workers at Woodhull Hospital, as a member of DC-37. It was only natural to become a member of the UFCT local 1460 when I came to Pratt. I jumped at the chance to become Secretary of our local, and have so enjoyed serving in this capacity.

I love working at Pratt, a place where I am surrounded by creative and generous co-workers, who are also committed to equity and to ongoing improvement in conditions for faculty and students alike. It is an honor to be nominated again to serve as secretary, and I hope to have the chance to continue to serve as a member of a deeply committed leadership team with Kye Carbone as president, Holly Wilson as vice president, and Steve Doloff as treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
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