- Are you engaged in leadership roles and committee membership on campus or in the community?
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: It is a liaison position to help do the implementation of Starfish, a student support management system for interfacing between students and faculty. There are a lot of built-in mechanisms in the software that would help faculty communicate with students and better support them and that is why they want to have faculty representation on the implementation team, especially from the instructional side. As Curriculum Chair Otwell mentioned, there is a counseling component that Dean De Long and her team have selected already. However, they also want to make sure that they get the instructional point of view. It is partially an early alert system, but there are other components to that allow faculty to help students better succeed in their coursework:

As a member of the Starfish Implementation Team, the Faculty Liaison's role is to advise the team about faculty needs and viewpoints. The Starfish Faculty Liaison will be a "power user" and champion of the software on to the Senate so they can look at certain things that they may want to ask that they do not have to opt out of but rather opt into. Faculty may not be aware that somebody is looking at their grade book and contacting students that have dropped or are in trouble when faculty already have a system to do that on their own. Faculty do not want the high-anxiety students having to hear from higher above which makes them even more anxious.

Item number 2 under job duties, part of the duty of this faculty liaison would be to bring matters to the Senate.

Kelly Kilby was invited to the Senate from the Starfish company back in May. It is a situation where it emanates from the faculty member. It is not like somebody is going to be coming into your class or your students and trying to do anything without your approval. The faculty member would be the one doing the approval; that is one of the reasons why they are coming to Academic