

2021 Interinstitutional Faculty Senate Candidate

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FACULTY SENATE SERVICE: Associated Faculty Senator, 2019–present Public Health and Human Sciences Faculty Senator, 2013–16; Faculty Pulse 6.0 Survey, 2021; Administrative Appointments Committee, 2017–19; Executive Committee, 2017–18; and Student Recognition and Awards Committee, 2014–16 (chair, 2015-16)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE: University Student-Learning Assessment Council, 2019–present (chair); Undergraduate Student Success Initiative Steering Committee, 2019–present; Undergraduate Education Council, 2019–present; Search Advocate, 2014–present; Undergraduate Student Success Sub-committee for Curricular Excellence, 2019–20 (co-chair); TRIAD, 2012-present (president 2018–21); Commencement Committee, 2020–21; University Assessment Council, 2015–2019; and Faculty Staff Fitness Advisory Committee, 2014–17

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES SERVICE: Dean’s Administrative Team, 2012–17; Council on Education for Public Health Accreditation Team, 2012–17; Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Committee, 2012–17; Information Technology Committee, 2015–17; and Faculty Marshall at Commencement, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

SEARCH COMMITTEES (at the level of department head and above): College of Engineering, Assistant Dean for Curriculum and Assessment, 2021-present; College of Public Health and Human Sciences, Director of Accreditation and Assessment, 2021; College of Forestry Dean, 2019; College of Education Dean, 2016; College of Public Health and Human Sciences Dean, 2016; and College of Public Health and Human Sciences Associate Dean for Student Success, 2015.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: Working as a faculty member at five different universities, I have gained valuable experience collaborating with colleagues, teaching undergraduate and graduate students, serving on committees, and working with state-level educational groups and accrediting agencies. In recent years, state-level mandates require greater collaboration by all Oregon universities, thus increasing the importance of active faculty engagement. If elected to Interinstitutional Faculty Senate, I will be sensitive to the needs of diverse stakeholders, prepared to advance curriculum reforms, and dedicated to promoting opportunities for Oregon’s increasingly diverse population. I will do this while ensuring OSU’s mission and core values are fairly represented.

Question Response – *What critical issues for faculty at a state-wide level will be best addressed through IFS and how can you help move those issues forward?*

There are several ongoing and emerging issues facing faculty at Oregon's post-secondary institutions that the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate (IFS) is positioned to address. Several of the critical issues of great concern for OSU faculty as well as faculty working state-wide include: 1) decreased state funding for higher education coupled with increased mandates for what Oregon public universities are required to support and provide, specifically Senate Bill 223 – Common Course Numbering; 2) student growth on some campuses, notably at OSU, resulting in strains on faculty and staff, academic programs, facilities and infrastructure, and the greater community; 3) a changing landscape of technology and course delivery, in part as a result of the pandemic, and students' evolving expectations about the content, quality, and outcomes of their education; and 4) growth in transfer students and the impact on overall enrollments, retention and student success, and graduation rates.

While serving on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, I was invited to represent OSU as a proxy at several IFS meetings. Attending the multi-day meetings, I had the opportunity to listen, ask questions, and contribute to the conversations colleagues were having from across the state. Additionally, I gained valuable insights into the workings of IFS and the multiple duties of IFS senators that support my belief OSU must continue to have a strong and engaged IFS team. I will enthusiastically contribute as an IFS Senator and be honored to represent all OSU faculty if given the opportunity.