

2023 Interinstitutional Faculty Senate Candidate

This is a three-year position beginning January 2024 and ending December 2026.

Charlene Hansen (they/them) (at OSU since 2019), Professional Faculty ~ Office of Admissions/Enrollment Management

FACULTY SENATE SERVICE: Associated Faculty Senator 2022

UNIVERSITY SERVICE: Residency Coordinator 2021-present; Interinstitutional Residency Committee 2021-present; INTO OSU Academic Success Advisor 2019-20; and Presenter at INTO North America Professional Development Conference, 2020

Candidate Statement: With over 30 years of service to institutions of higher education in Oregon, including OSU, INTO OSU, PCC, PSU, and University of Western States, I have had the opportunity to engage with students, faculty, administration and other stakeholders as an instructor, a professional advisor, success coach, program coordinator, and compliance officer. I have intentionally chosen a career path focusing on issues of diversity, equity, inclusion, and interinstitutional collaboration.

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

There are numerous critical issues that will be addressed through the IFS in the next few years including continued record University enrollment, the financial/infrastructure strains from record enrollment, and the complex, ever-growing demands on teaching faculty and professional faculty. There will likely be discussion of short-term learning outcomes of transitions/college success coursework and long-term outcomes/impact of a college degree as well as implementation of common course numbering. It is imperative to address state mandates, diversity, equity, inclusion, student financial resources, the mental health crisis, growth of transfer student populations and, importantly, student success, student retention/degree completion and satisfaction with their university experience.

I have been committed to using the position I currently hold as Residency Coordinator for OSU to spotlight opportunities to review equity of the residency classification standards/process both at OSU as well as through my membership on the Interinstitutional Residency Committee. I bring an understanding of the interwoven connection and existing partnerships between the public universities and community colleges in Oregon, state-level mandates and the need to collaborate. I coordinated the interinstitutional process of successfully seeking revision of the Oregon Residency Standards.

Additionally, I have an extensive background in supporting under-represented populations. I served as the Coordinator for Evening/Weekend Campus Operations and Adult Basic Skills Specialist (ESOL/GED) at PCC and as an Academic Success Advisor for international students with INTO OSU. I was not only a first-generation college student but I was also a first-generation high school student as neither of my parents completed junior high, so I can serve as an ardent advocate for our increasingly diverse enrollment populations.

I have 30+ years of professional experience in higher education in Oregon to relate to topics presented to IFS, to listen, learn, ask questions, and contribute as well as share out from IFS meetings. If elected to the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate, I will respect and actively engage with diverse stakeholders while bringing a strong foundation of the past, present and excitement for the future of higher education in Oregon. It would be an honor to represent OSU's mission and core values.