

2023 Interinstitutional Faculty Senate Candidate

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

Bob Mason (at OSU since 1991), Professor ~ Department of Integrative Biology – College of Science

FACULTY SENATE SERVICE: Science Faculty Senator, 2019-21, 2011-2019, 2002-08; Past-President, 2018; Faculty Senate President, 2017; Interinstitutional Faculty Senate Senator (elected), 2011-13, IFS President (elected), 2012-13; Executive Committee, 2016-18, 2005-06; Committee on Committees, 2000-02 (chair, 2002); and Research Council, 2016-17, 1994-97

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE SERVICE: Promotion & Tenure Committee, 2024, 2020-21, 2016-17, 2013, 2011, 2009, 2007, 2005; Awards Committee, 2022-23, 2018-20; School of Life Science Restructure Committee; School of Life Science Curriculum Planning Committee, 2014-19; Lead Marshall, OSU Commencement, 2005-21; Howard Hughes Medical Institute Summer Research Committee, 2004-11; General Science Restructure Committee, 2003-04 (chair); and Curriculum Committee, 2002-20

UNIVERSITY SERVICE: Deputy Chief Marshal, OSU Commencement, 2022-present; Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, 2021-22; University Accreditation Steering Committee, 2018-19; OSU Inclusive Excellence Advisory Board, 2020-present; OSU ADVANCE Internal Advisory Committee, 2016-19; Athletic Advisory Council, 2017-22; Goldwater Scholarship Selection Committee, 2013-22; Executive Policy and Standards Committee, 2017-19; Graduate Teaching Certificate Task Force, 2011-12; Study Abroad Advisory Committee, 2008-10; NCAA Self-Study Committee, 2008-09; URISC Advisory Panel, 2004-10; Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), 1998-02; Research Office, Special Report on Research at OSU, 2000; International Programs Faculty Grants and Awards Program, 1999-00; and Convocations and Lectures Committee, 1996-99

SEARCH COMMITTEES (*at the level of department head and above*) : Associate Vice Provost and Chief Human Resources Officer, 2022; University Policy and Standards Specialist, 2022; University Attending Veterinarian and LARC Director, 2019; Vice President for Research, 2019; Laboratory Animal Resource Center Director, 2010; and Biochemistry and Biophysics Department Chair (chair), 2010

STATEWIDE SERVICE: Oregon Department of Education, High School Graduation Requirements Task Force, 2008-09

Candidate Statement: I believe that my experiences as a teacher, researcher and administrator for over twenty years give me a good perspective on a number of the serious problems the University is facing. The Faculty Senate is an important voice for the students, faculty and staff to the University administration. Serving as an IFS Senator provides an important voice in ensuring that conversations take place that translate into effective and meaningful actions at the administrative level. I feel I could be an active and effective member in helping to solve some of our pressing problems in these times of unprecedented change.

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?

All universities in the state are facing unprecedented challenges in the coming years due to projected budget shortfalls. At the same time, enrollments are increasing to record levels at several of the campuses. Although all the campuses face somewhat different challenges, we do all share these overarching concerns. I see the role of the IFS as being a conduit for our faculty to have a voice in conversations with the faculty at other universities. Hopefully,

good ideas that arise on other campuses will be communicated through the IFS and help us to navigate through the tough times that lie ahead. I would bring my 30 years of experience here at OSU to the conversations and hopefully contribute meaningfully to ideas for solutions to some of our many challenges.