

2023 Interinstitutional Faculty Senate Candidate

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

Michelle Inderbitzin (at OSU since 2001), Associate Professor of Sociology ~ School of Public Policy – College of Liberal Arts

FACULTY SENATE SERVICE: Liberal Arts Faculty Senator, 2023-present, 2019-22, 2016-18; Advancement of Teaching Committee, 2007-09; and Committee on Committees, 2003-07

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS SERVICE: Curriculum Committee, 2023-present; Faculty Council (elected), 2012-15; and Student Review and Appeals Committee (elected), 2012-15

UNIVERSITY SERVICE: Undergraduate Research, Innovation, Scholarship, and Creativity (URISC) Advisory Board, 2010-17 (renewed for three terms, until program was de-funded); OSU Experiential Learning Workgroup, 2012-14; and OSU Civic Learning and Engagement Steering Committee, 2013-14

CANDIDATE STATEMENT: I have been a faculty member at Oregon State University for more than twenty years, and I am currently serving my third term in Faculty Senate. I have learned a lot about our university over the years, and I would be excited to work with Interinstitutional Senators from around Oregon to collaborate on how to best work with legislators and advocate for the changing needs of our students, our faculty and our state.

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 a number of critical issues for faculty at the state-wide level, including the protection of academic freedom and benefits for faculty, particularly contingent faculty; affordability and accessibility for students; changes in the workplace with remote work, online learning and new technologies; navigating transfers and state-wide mandates; and collaboration with community colleges and other public universities.

It would be an honor to hear from OSU faculty members, to learn more about these issues and other concerns, and to represent OSU in the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate.