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Dear faculty colleagues,

I am a cultural anthropologist and Professor in the Anthropology department at UO. I am seeking a two-year CAS Social Sciences Senate term (2023-25). I joined UO in Fall 2022 from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where I was a faculty member for 17 years, and where I was actively involved in elected university-wide governance committees and served on the Executive Committee of the University Senate. At UO I am currently a member of United Academics and am thrilled to be at an institution with such a powerful and progressive union presence. As a Senator I would strive to help simplify and integrate university policies to serve the diverse spectrum of employees and scope of inquiry at this innovative institution. As an anthropologist, I am a member of a department that sits squarely in the social sciences and has members working in STEM fields and the humanistic social sciences. I am a strong advocate of interdisciplinary inquiry and relish the translational opportunities that this type of scholarship entails. Some of my colleagues work in labs, others write ethnographic books, and all of us proudly represent the discipline of Anthropology. UO encompasses an incredible diversity of approaches to scholarship and learning, and as a Senator I would look forward to helping govern our diverse community, with all of its varied needs and expressions, of research, teaching, service, through the framework of DEI. As a political and legal anthropologist and an institutional ethnographer, my research interests include non-governmental organizations (NGOs), voluntary sector regulation, and humanitarianism. I am the author of two monographs: *Disquieting Gifts: Humanitarianism in New Delhi* (Stanford, 2012), and *The Spirit of Development: Protestant NGOs, Morality, and Economics in Zimbabwe* (Stanford 2005), and co-editor of *Forces of Compassion: Humanitarianism between Ethics and Politics* (School for Advanced Research Press 2011). I am currently completing a book on the regulation of nonprofits, philanthropy, and civil society in India. I would be honored to serve on the UO Senate.