

Pedro Garcia-Caro, Romance Languages

University Senate seat

I am standing for election to the UO Senate for one of the CAS Humanities seats. I would like to continue to contribute to strengthening the principle and practice of shared governance at UO. In my past service in the UO Senate I worked hard to defend the viability of our College and its integrity in the face of disinvestment and an uncertain reorganization, this included the consolidation of the college, the creation of two new schools to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration, and the creation of the CAS leadership-Senate Caucus to uphold the principle of shared governance within the college. I also sponsored over the years several important bills that have made our campus more open and friendly to everyone regardless of their ethnic and national backgrounds. I am also very committed to developing a more robust institutional oversight and protection of our academic freedom. I believe we also need clear and decisive senate oversight of the ongoing disinvestment in the liberal arts, and more transparency in the operations of the UO Foundation as regards the academic mission of the university. Our Senate has demonstrated over the years that it is a key institution for faculty to co-govern the university and voice the views of faculty and students.