

Tamarra White, EMU – Candidate Statement

My name is Tamarra White, and over the past 20 years, I have experienced the UO campus as a community member, a non-traditional undergraduate student, a parent of a graduate student, a classified staff person, an OA, and an OA working full time while completing a master's degree. Each transition came with its own learning curve with challenges, and as I navigated campus from these different perspectives, I learned much about the university and myself. What I value most are the relationships I have built over the years, the culture of mentorship I have experienced, and the opportunities to participate in ways that open doors for others.

I am currently the Assistant Director Retail and Student Services in the EMU, Division of Student Life, where I am involved in our Student Employee Excellence and Development (SEED) committee, Safety, and Social Justice committees. I previously chaired the EMU Inclusion team and was a member for many years until I stepped aside for other folks to participate. I was also the chair of the Senate Committee on Sexual Orientation Gender Identity and Expression, and previously a member of the Student Affairs MCOE team and the SEE (Student Employment Enhancement) committee. I have worked over the years to bring awareness to issues of equity and inclusion and to find paths to improvement and I would love to have the opportunity to continue the work as part of the OA council.

Thank you for considering me for OA Council.