My name is Franny Gaede, and I am honored to be running for Faculty Senate as one of the Librarian representatives. Currently serving as the Associate Librarian and Director of the Department of Open Research in the Libraries, I have been part of the University community for nearly seven years, contributing to the advancement of our academic mission.

I am seeking election to the Faculty Senate to represent the interests of the Libraries and to bring our values of access, equity, intellectual freedom and privacy, civic engagement, and sustainability to Senate discussions. Throughout my tenure, I have been involved in various governance bodies and committees, gaining valuable experience in navigating organizational structures and advocating for faculty interests. I am eager to align the work of the Faculty Senate with UO Onward and the University's new strategic plan.

Thank you for your consideration in reading this statement. I am deeply committed to serving the faculty community and advancing its interests and believe strongly in the role of shared governance, the importance of bringing values and data into decision-making, and the role of the public university as part of the civic community.