

## **Karli Farrimond: Candidate Statement**

Members of the University of Oregon community,

I'm excited to put myself forward as a candidate for the University of Oregon Senate. I'm eager to bring my dedication, experience, and vision to the table, all aimed at pushing our institution forward in education and shared governance.

With a bachelor's degree in psychology and a background in social service prior to my return to the university setting, I am steadfast in upholding a people-first approach that prioritizes the well-being of those who benefit from the education and service provided by the UO. Through my professional experiences, I have developed a profound appreciation for the resilience and transformative potential of our education system. In my current position, I have worked to increase the effectiveness of the new shared services model in CAS to increase connections with those in other units, as well as facilitating the implementation of improved systems with the CBO within my own ASU. As a facilitator of communication and collaboration, I have consistently endeavored to bridge divides and nurture inclusive environments where diverse voices are not just heard but valued by finding direct answers on policy issues and finding meaningful methods to address concerns. I am motivated by the commitment demonstrated by individuals across our community, and I am eager to contribute to our collective progress by anticipating and responding to the issues that impact our community the most.

Moreover, I am deeply dedicated to advocating for underrepresented groups and driving diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives within our university. Creating a campus environment where every individual feels empowered and supported demands proactive efforts to dismantle systemic barriers and amplify marginalized voices. If elected to hold a seat on the University of Oregon Senate, I pledge to advocate for the following action items:

**1. Enhancing Communication and Collaboration:** Implementing strategies to foster transparency and dialogue among faculty, students, staff, and administration through my direct and frequent connection with each of these groups.

**2. Amplifying Underrepresented Voices:** Ensuring that the concerns and perspectives of marginalized communities are central to decision-making processes and policy development. I am committed to maintaining direct connections with those directly impacted by policies to enact meaningful improvements.

**3. Supporting Academic Excellence:** Collaborating with university committees to uphold the academic mission of the UO and enhance the student learning experience amidst growing enrollment numbers.

I am dedicated to leveraging my background and expertise to make substantive contributions to the University of Oregon Senate and to tirelessly advocate for the advancement of our university community.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Sincerely,

Karli Farrimond