

Hi! My name is Tracy Bars, and I am running for one of the open OA seats on the University Senate. I want to serve in the Senate for a few reasons but first, a little bit about me.

I have worked at the UO since 1998 and have been an OA since 2004. Currently, I work in the Division of Equity and Inclusion as VP Alex-Assensoh's assistant. I have also held positions in the College of Design and the Lundquist College of Business. I previously served two terms in the Senate, including one year as Chair of the Senate Rules Committee, many years ago.

Now for my "why" - I believe it is critical for all employee groups to have a voice in the shared governance of the University and the Senate is the dedicated body for shared governance. Further, I believe we, as employees, have an obligation to perform University service regardless of whether it's part of our formal position description. Finally, I believe OAs need to use our collective voice whenever and wherever we can.

Thank you for your consideration.