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I would like to continue to serve as a member of the Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee for a few reasons. I hope to be able to continue to build greater understanding between 'athletics and academics' so each side is able to understand the concerns and challenges facing the other better. I think many faculty don't have a good understanding of the pressures student athletes face, balancing their lives as students with their sport. In turn, faculty can serve as a resource for Athletics to provide them with greater understanding of concerns our student body has and respond to questions about courses, majors, etc. I am in a unique position to do this as the *only* faculty member in as far back as anyone can remember who has had a child on a varsity team at the UO. Balancing academics and athletics became a norm of my child's life since middle school, and I have a deeper appreciation of how all varsity student athletes have had to learn how to do this to get to where they are today. While most student athletes do not become professional athletes, being a team member provides student athletes with emotional support and important tools they can bring into the classroom and into their future careers.

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