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I am excited for the opportunity to run for a second term on the Core Education Council. As chair of the AY 20-21 council, I've had the amazing opportunity to meet with faculty and campus leaders invested in helping students "question critically, think logically, reason effectively, communicate clearly, act creatively, and live ethically" through the shared academic experience offered by UO's Core Education.

If elected, I would continue to work with the council to support faculty in incorporating Core Education methods of inquiry into their courses and helping students identify and articulate the skills and knowledge they are learning in critical thinking, written communication, creative thinking, ethical reasoning, cultural literacy, and the writing, math, and language requirements.

In addition to my experience on CEC, I teach 100-level writing courses that fulfill the Core Education writing requirement and have served on the Composition Program administrative team since 2017.

As I explain in my Provost Teaching Academy profile, I developed my commitment to equity, inclusion, and diversity working as a professional writer in print journalism and government public information. In reporting on and sharing public policy decision-making, I witnessed the power that writing provided various stakeholders. I also became aware of missing voices. I became a literacy educator to play a part in increasing access to civic conversations and decisions because I believe in the potential of writing and of higher education to empower our students to be agents of positive change in a global society. Core Education is a central component to that education.

I would appreciate your vote!

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