

Gabriela Martínez, Professor, SOJC  
Running for the Faculty Advisory Council

I'm a professor at the School of Journalism and Communication (Journalism and Media Studies areas). I have been teaching at the University of Oregon since 2005. In addition to my tenure home unit, I'm affiliated with other units across disciplines--Cinema Studies; Latin American Studies; Folklore; Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies; and with the new Latinx Studies minor. I have contributed to the creation of the Cinema Studies Department, and I'm also part of the core faculty group or "visioning committee" that helped developing the Latinx Studies minor. In addition to my academic experience and contributions, I also have administrative experience. I served as director for the professional journalism masters program at the SOJC, I was associate director for the Center for the Study of Women in Society (CSWS), and I have been directing the Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies (CLLAS) for five years. I have served as board member of the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics and currently I am board member of CSWS. I am the co-creator of the Latino Roots in Oregon Project and courses, which greatly contributes to challenging and changing the narrative of who is an Oregonian while at the same time enhances our understanding of diversity on campus and state wide.

I'm interested to serve in the Faculty Advisory Council because I believe that my many years at the UO, and my engagement with multiple units across academic boundaries and research centers give me significant insight about a broad range of university matters. The many years in leadership positions have given me the opportunity to gain ample experience conversing with the administration and their representatives. Together, we have found solutions in challenging moments, thus I feel confident that I can voice my opinion and constructively counsel the President and other administration officers. At the same time, I will represent well the interests of faculty at my School and in other units, as needed. Last, but not least, I'm interested in this opportunity because I deeply believe in shared governance.