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I have been serving the Graduate Committee in Anthropology for several years, including the directorship since Fall 2018. Through my experience as a Director of the Graduate Studies and an advisor to several doctoral students, I learned key ingredients for the successful graduate education: a reasonable time frame for the degree progress by streamlining the requirement; professional interactions between advisors and advisees that are structured for a student's career; and diverse training grounds beyond traditional academic pathway. Careers are specific to the discipline but also basic training across the fields can help students open their perspective to career choices and plan the preparation for diverse routes early on. As a graduate council, training for non-academic careers will be one of my agenda. Beyond the Graduate-related committee, I have committed to institutional equity, inclusion, and diversity through the university-level service, including the Women of Color Project under the Center for the Study of Women in Society, the Active Recruitment Committee under the Office of the Provost, and the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression Committee. I was elected to the Academic Requirement Committee, one of the major faculty governance committees in AY 2016-17. All the learning from this experience has prepared me to further promote the success of the graduate education in UO.