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As an academic advisor, I am running for OA Council to ensure that student-facing OAs have representation on the Council.

We OAs are approximately 1,550 strong at the UO. I am a current councilor running for a second term. In my first term, I benefited greatly from working with and learning from the other councilors—each one with a unique perspective and contribution to make. During this time, I have contributed to the Council's team effort of inviting OAs across campus to listening sessions so that their collective voices can be shared with UO leadership. We have also advocated for OAs to be heard by the Board of Trustees, and have taken steps to make that happen.

I am running for a second term because I believe that OAs can be effective if we organize and work together. Additionally, I aim to use the knowledge I have gained and relationships I have built to bolster the OAC's influence on campus. One of the areas I want to continue working on is improving our flex work policy to better serve OAs' current needs.

On a more personal note, I am a former refugee and first-generation college graduate who has benefited enormously from having access to higher education. In fact, my family found refuge in a college dorm during our emigration journey, and it was the last place we stayed before we found permanent housing. Because I have been given so much, I am driven to give back. By being an OA Councilmember, I can do my part to advocate for a University of Oregon that is a welcoming and supportive place for its employees.