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I have been with the University of Oregon for five years as a Chef/Dining Manager. With my colleagues we have strived to create a compassionate, empathetic dining program that serve the needs of our campus community. Thousands of students have succeeded through our program to enrich their employment experiences while learning from us skills that they will take to every level of their future careers when they graduate. From knowing how to use systems of analysis to ensure safety, to face to face interactions that teach in the moment communication processes that make talented communicators, to crisis management and the business mechanics of a large multifaceted organization, each dining operation that a Chef oversees is dedicated to the student experience while competing in a broader market of Collegiate Dining that affects millions of students daily, and I take great pride in the successes, and learning experiences that I am esteemed to be able to provide as a member of our team. Each day is an opportunity to serve our community that I gratefully accept and I am perpetually honored to be allowed such an amazing opportunity.

The values and experience I will bring to the University Senate are an understanding of the working class within our institution, and the people that often are overlooked, from the cooks, or the janitors, landscapers, or the student workers living in a possible economic situation that looks very different from other aspects of the University. I seek to be a voice for those that are not within the educational aspects of our teams, those that provide the services and skills that keep our institution running. To help lift up the voices of those that are often overlooked, or disregarded is my charge. I believe having a good mix of individuals from every aspect of a community is what makes a strong democracy. Our organization spreads across many demographics and if we give voice to those who need it the most then we will bring to pass a fair and just institution that leads by example and cultivates success for our students, staff and the greater community that relies upon us.