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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Special Session Committee On Rules and
Executive Appointments

Measure, Appointment or Topic: Taliek Lopez-DuBoff

I write to express my strong support for Taliek Lopez-DuBoff as a Trustee for the University of Oregon. As a voting member of our student government, the UO Senate, the Campus Planning Committee, and the EMU Board, Mr. Lopez-DuBoff has proven himself uniquely adapt at navigating university systems to get substantial projects through, and in doing so, fulfills his obligation to represent students exceptionally well. Recently, Mr. Lopez-DuBoff delivered students a policy allowing a grading option to be changed much later in the term, giving students far more flexibility and autonomy and ultimately saving them money. While a simple project on its face, the skills required to execute such a policy change include navigating university politics and bureaucracy, policy analysis, and listening and responding to the needs of students. Skills like these, as well as the patience and competence to convert them into substantive policy changes, are precisely the qualities that make effective Board members, and which qualify Mr. Lopez-DuBoff exceptionally well.