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Shared governance is the beating heart of a world-class university, and I'd like to serve UNLV as At-Large Faculty Senator in this time when change has become a constant.

I understand the challenges and pressures of academic faculty, administrative faculty and part-time instructors because of my background. As a graduate of Cornell University (M.A. & Ph.D.) and the University of California, Berkeley (B.A), and former Visiting Assistant Professor at Pomona College, I understand the needs and challenges of higher education institutions that value research, teaching, and diversity.

Dedicated to maintaining positive and productive work environments even in the midst of this pandemic, I became Chair of the College of Fine Arts Work Climate Task Force and a mediator for the UNLV Ombuds Office. I focus on transformative mediation which seeks to transform conflict into resilient working relationships. As an executive committee member of the international Alliance for the Arts in Research Universities (a2ru), I support interdisciplinary arts and research integration.

My association with UNLV dates back to 2006 when I started teaching UNLV Honors College courses as a PTI. After earning a Ph.D. in the humanities with a media studies emphasis, I followed my interest in online learning technology and computer programming and became a learning technology integration specialist, and a professional development facilitator for the international computer science education advocate Code.org. As the College of Fine Arts' Learning Technologist since 2018, I support more than 120 faculty and part-time instructors with their teaching, research and creative practice through technology tools help.

The colleagues I work with closely know me as a positive collaborator, even in challenging circumstances. Influenced by transformative mediation and Aikido, I listen attentively and empathetically to all stakeholders, and seek creative solutions that support diverse needs.

Matt Pedersen

Associate Professor
College of Engineering

Matt Pedersen, Associate Professor in computer science. Have been at UNLV since 2003 and a member of the faculty senate almost unbroken since 2005. I have served on the ASC as well as the UNLV Parking Committee (which I am currently on).

I would like to get back on the faculty senate because I really believe in the important work that we do, and I am proud to have been a member of the faculty senate for so many years.

Craig Topple

Electronic Document Management Specialist
Business Affairs

Credibility, integrity, and passion come to mind for how I describe myself both professionally and personally. You may count on me for being a fierce advocate and sensible representative. I have enthusiastically served in higher education institutions for 25 years including rural, suburban, and urban settings, holding positions that range from intern to department director. I am open-minded, have a varied perspective, and appreciate what I've found here in UNLV - my home for almost 12 years.

In my current position, I serve as Electronic Document Management Specialist and manager for eDoc Services. My goal is to ensure effective document retention and records management through the development and implementation of electronic forms, workflow, and document imaging which support our compliance, sustainability, and growth.

I am service-minded, with multiple terms as an active member of the Administrative Faculty Committee, captain for many Corporate Challenge teams, and creator and initial coordinator for the Peer Connections Program to help welcome and acclimate new employees to UNLV.

I am confident that as a Faculty Senate representative, I will make a positive contribution to our university in this capacity. I hope I may count on your support and vote.

William Wheeler

Senior Associate Athletics Director
Intercollegiate Athletics

William Wheeler is UNLV Athletics' Senior Associate Athletics Director, Chief Financial Officer. He was promoted to his current role in the Spring of 2021.

He previously served as the Assistant Athletics Director for Business Operations at UNLV since July of 2019 after first joining the athletic department as an assistant director in the business office in March of 2018. He is a member of both the Executive and Senior Staffs and manages the day-to-day business operations for the athletics department.

Wheeler is responsible for budget preparation, daily and monthly monitoring and tracking of the Athletics Department annual operating budget, including state allocations in his position at UNLV. He works closely with each unit and team in the department to prepare individual unit and team budgets as well as the overall athletics department budget. Wheeler's responsibilities also include reviewing and auditing procurement card expenses, expense reports, requisitions, and supplier invoice payments. In addition, he serves as the liaison to Short's Travel Management for the athletics department.

Wheeler came to UNL in 2018 following two years as a member of the Athletics Business Office staff at Florida State University (2016-18). He was an accounting specialist while at Florida State where he oversaw eight sport programs and six departments, created and executed purchase orders, handled team travel and NCAA expense reports and approved the deposit reports for the Florida State Athletics Ticket Office.

Wheeler began his career in college athletics as a business office intern and later the Supervisor of Ticket Operations at Montclair State University in New Jersey (2013-14).

Wheeler earned both his bachelor's degree in Business Administration (2012) and his Master of Science in Business Management (2013) from the College of Saint Elizabeth in his home state of New Jersey. He graduated Summa Cum Laude in earning both his undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Shared Governance:

My view on shared governance at an institution is that it allows for students, faculty and staff to voice their concerns and suggestions to move the university forward. It is an opportunity to improve policies and make strategic decisions.