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ALIX GITELMAN

Dr. Alix Gitelman is Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Senior Vice Provost at Oregon State University (OSU). She is also a Professor of Statistics at OSU, and she has been a member of the faculty since 1999. In her role in Academic Affairs, Alix collaborates across OSU to advance the university's goals of offering high-quality undergraduate programs onsite, online, and in a hybrid format; designing diverse, well-supported, and affordable pathways to an OSU degree; creating more opportunities for student research and experiential learning; and delivering instruction using leading-edge pedagogies and technologies. She also works with partners from the other Oregon public universities and community colleges on easing pathways for transfer students.

ANGIE RICE

Angie Geno is a dual-enrolled student at Linn-Benton Community College (LBCC) and Oregon State University (OSU). At LBCC she is in her third-year student completing an associates in Biological Sciences and studying as a senior in Bio Health Science with a Chemistry minor at OSU. Angie is very active in supporting student voices on both campuses and across the state. She served as the LBCC Student Leadership Council (SLC) President (2020-2021) as well as serving on the OCCSA as executive secretary. Currently (2021-2022) she is serving as the Legislative Affairs Director for LBCC SLC, Senator for the ASOSU Student Government, and OCCSA Board Chair.

DAVID PLOTKIN

Dr. David Plotkin has been Provost and Vice President of Instruction and Student Services at Clackamas Community College (CCC) since July 2015. Before that, he was Provost at Marylhurst University, and chair of the Department of English Literature and Writing. He has been working on issues of transfer from college and university perspectives for 20 years. He was part of the original HB 2998 Task Force and then the Oregon Transfer and Articulation Committee (OTAC). In addition, he served on the HECC's Credit for Prior Learning Committee. He is currently chair of OTAC. He has also been the chair of a statewide community college affinity group, the Council of Instructional Administrators.

GLORIA CRISP

Dr. Crisp is a Professor and Chair of the Adult and Higher Education programs at Oregon State University (OSU). Her scholarship seeks to identify practices and policies that can reduce inequities in transfer and college outcomes for students enrolled at community colleges and bachelor's granting accessible institutions.

LARRY ROPER

Dr. Larry Roper is Professor Emeritus of Language, Culture, and Society at Oregon State University (OSU). Previously he served as Vice Provost for Student Affairs at OSU from 1995-2014. He has degrees from Heidelberg University, Bowling Green State University, and a PhD. from the University of Maryland. He has held numerous positions in higher education during his 40+ years career. He currently serves as a Commissioner with the HECC and on the Governor's Education Recovery Committee. Additionally, he served six years as a Commissioner with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and as a Board of Trustee member for Heidelberg University, his alma mater.

LINDA FERGUSON-KOLMES

Dr. Linda Fergusson-Kolmes has been a biology instructor at Portland Community College (PCC) for over 16 years. She has served as the chair of the PCC Curriculum Committee, a Teaching-Learning Coordinator, and as PCC's representative on the Biology Major's Transfer Map workgroup. Originally from Canada, she has an undergraduate degree in biology from Simon Fraser University and a master's degree from Cornell University. Recently she completed a doctorate in Leading and Learning from the University of Portland. Her dissertation research focused on the relationship between course-taking patterns in community college biology students and successful transfer. This work was driven by the desire to better understand how to support more equitable student outcomes in STEM.

PETER JACOBSON

Peter Jacobson is a senior undergraduate studying Computer Science at Southern Oregon University (SOU). He transferred to SOU after almost two years at El Camino College in Torrance, California, and grew up in Redondo Beach California. He first became involved in local government in late high school, where he would attend local district meetings. He has served on SOU's Student Fee Allocation Committee in Spring of 2021 and soon after became an Associate Justice, which has led to his work on to the Transfer Council. Due to his work on this council, Peter strives to help students in the fight for transfer course articulation.

RAYA NICHOLS

Raya Nichols began her education career as a business CTE and dual credit teacher and has 14 years of experience in the Hillsboro School District. Ensuring that each of our students is engaged with a meaningful career path during their time at HSD is what drives her work. Prior to her current role, Raya worked as a Dual Credit TOSA and partnered with NWRESD to offer career & college pathway support to districts in her region. Raya loves connecting with education partners, communicating with families and students, supporting teachers, and working as a system towards increasing access to transformative career experiences as we prepare our students for life after high school.

SUSAN JEFFORDS

Dr. Susan Jeffords joined Portland State University (PSU) in 2018 as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Since arriving at PSU, she has led significant initiatives to put students first, to enhance partnerships with community colleges by opening a new Transfer and Returning Students Center, and to develop degree programs and services that support student career goals. She is particularly committed to increasing opportunities for more BIPOC and underrepresented communities to participate actively in higher education.

TERESA RIVENES

Dr. Teresa Rivenes is in her fourth year as the Vice President of Instruction at Tillamook Bay Community College (TBCC). Teresa started her higher educational journey teaching psychology and sociology at Park University and then at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University where she also served as campus center director. From there she went to work at Great Falls College-MSU where she fell in love with the mission of community college and community college student success.

THADDEUS SHANNON

Dr. Shannon is an Associate Professor in the Computer Science Division and Coordinator of the Information Systems Program at Western Oregon University (WOU). Dr. Shannon has served as a university faculty representative on the Oregon Transfer and Articulation Committee (OTAC) since its formation in 2018 and was active on the HECC workgroup that originated the Oregon Transfer Compass framework for HB 2998. Before joining the Computer Science Division at WOU, he held a tenured appointment in the WOU Theatre program and an adjunct appointment in the Systems Science Program at Portland State University.

TRESSA SEYDEL

Tressa's responsibilities include leadership and oversight of Eastern Oregon University's (EOU) online academic advisors and advising to online students, providing direction and operational support to EOU's 11 Regional Centers throughout Oregon, and coordination of university student services with community colleges and other partner organizations. She brings more than 30 years of experience to her current position, having served as an enrollment counselor, transfer specialist, and academic advisor in previous roles at EOU, Idaho State University, and Boise State University. Tressa also has expertise in counseling and spent several years working in professional social services. Tressa received a bachelor's degree from EOU and her M.Ed. in Counseling from Idaho State University.

TYLER HAYES

Tyler Hayes is the Director of Admissions and Registrar at Central Oregon Community College (COCC). He has worked as a higher education professional for ten years and enjoys using his skills to contribute to the mission of serving students and helping them achieve their dreams. He graduated from San Diego Christian College in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and

Kansas State University in 2010 with a master's degree in Higher Education Advising. He began his tenure at COCC in 2010 and has had the privilege to work in Financial Aid, Student Life, Housing, and Admissions in his time at the college.