CANDIDATES FOR UO BOOKSTORE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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GRADUATE 1-YEAR POSITION

Ryan Kent Brady

Last year was the most successful financial year in the 82-year history of the University of Oregon Bookstore. As a non-profit organization with a student-elected Board of Directors, the Oregon bookstore is one of the most successful university organizations of its kind in the United States. However, the bookstore also faces unique challenges in the future regarding growth, technology, limited storage space, and service to the student body.

As a graduate business student specializing in finance, I feel that I can use many of the operations and financial skills I have developed over the past year, and from prior experience, to meet these challenges and provide future growth opportunities for the bookstore. The success of the bookstore depends not only on responding effectively to the challenges and opportunities presented, but also in continually striving to provide the best service to the student body at the lowest cost possible. It is my desire when elected to the Board, to continue to build upon the past successes of the bookstore, to take advantage of new technology and growth opportunities, to provide solutions to key problems, and to be responsive to student suggestions for the maximum benefit to the student body.

Sammy Epstein

As a law student and former graduate student in the U of O Physics department, I have the perspective of a student that has been a part of the University for a long time. I am sensitive to the needs of both law students and other graduate students. I bring to the position significant experience in the real world, both as a former manager of a small business, and as the former Chief Scientist at OMSI, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. In the latter position I had significant budget responsibilities, and so am quite comfortable in the world of budget balancing.

During the previous term I served as teaching assistant in President Frohnmayer's Freshman Seminar in Leadership. Through that work, I have gotten to know some of the up and coming freshmen who will be movers and shakers during their college careers. I can readily poll members of that class regarding bookstore issues, and thereby represent needs of the undergraduate population.

I bring both maturity and levelheadedness to the position, and intend to provide concrete input to the Board so as to better serve the needs of bookstore members.

Rita Radostitz

I am a graduate student in the Literary Nonfiction program in the Journalism department. I seek to fill the one year graduate student position on the UO Bookstore Board of Directors because I believe that our bookstore is one of the best in the country, and I want to help continue this legacy of excellence. I grew up in Eugene, and know the importance of having an independent book store which is responsive first to the needs of the University, but also to the entire Eugene/Springfield community.

Prior to returning to graduate school I was an attorney. Through operating my law office for a number of years, gained experience with all aspects of running a business. I know these skills will help me better understand the workings of the bookstore. I understand the importance of looking at the larger picture in order to define how short and long term goals can be attained. I am a voracious reader and future writer of books, and will bring that perspective to the workings of the Board. I also will be a voice for the unique perspective and concerns of graduate students. I hope you will vote for Rita Radostitz.

Tabitha Thompson

Top Ten Reasons to Vote for TT:

- 10. As a grad student in the Literary Nonfiction program, I know books!
- 9. I am anxious to learn about, contribute to, and be involved in all aspects of the publication business-from shelving to selling.
- 8. I will quack down on inefficiency and waste.
- 7. I'm learning about what you want in a book store and you're gonna get it!
- 6. According to a recent report, the UO Bookstore ranks 6th in sportswear sales and 10th in art sales in the nation of comparably sized stores. (Look for us at Number 1 in next year's Top Ten List.)
- 5. If you liked my work as a GTF in Journalism's infamous "Info Hell" class, you'll love my work on the Bookstore Board!
- 4. I want to make buying course materials a fun experience!
- 3. If I'm elected, you won't want to remove my
- 2. The bookstore may be ducking into new space soon. I hope to contribute to its successful expansion.
- 1. I WANT THE JOB! So if you want everything to be at its best, or, as we say, "to the T"-think TT and vote for me! Tabitha Thompson.



Vanessa Bedford



Eric Cook



Caitlin McCurdy



Lexi Meek



Kevin Platt

Lexi Meek

My name is Lexi Meek and I am a freshman here at the U of O. I'm interested in the freshman position because I want to be involved with making sure that the bookstore is benefiting the students and faculty to the best of its ability. I feel that I represent the students within the U of O community because as a fellow college student I understand the high financial demands at the University. If elected not only will I work toward keeping the cost of books down, but I will aide in the development of a scholarship program. I would also like to be a part of the new remodeling process that the bookstore will be going through, while keeping the public updated. So if you a like to save more money vote for Lexi Meek.

Kevin Platt

Have you ever walked into the bookstore, and had to wait in line for hours, only to be gouged on the price of your course books? Have you ever walked in and found that the book your professor had assigned is out of stock? As your representative on the UO Bookstore Board, I will bring new ideas to the table, as well as new books to the shelves. I believe that our bookstore can be better, and I believe that we can make it better. Through the use of my business skills, the bookstore can evolve into a better service for students that will provide a wider variety of books at a lower cost. One of the most important aspects of being on the bookstore board is having a love of the University of Oregon as well as for books; both of these characteristics have played dominant roles in my life. A vote for Kevin Platt would be a vote for better service, for experience, and for lower prices.

FRESHMAN POSITION

Vanessa Bedford

My name is Vanessa Bedford and I want to be your Freshman representative for UO Bookstore Board of Directors. As a freshman here at the University of Oregon, I have become involved in a variety of different campus activities and organizations such as Kappa Delta Sorority, Club Tae Kwon Do, Hawaii Club and Dress for Success, a fashion show put on by the Career Center. I am also an Intern working for the Oregon Athletic Department and work part time at the Student Recreation Center. Through these activities, I have proven that I can work successfully independent or with a group. I have excellent communication skills and I'm able to vocalize my ideas and opinions about important issues. I consider myself to be very well organized and have great time management skills. I am very dependable and the girl you'd want to get the job done. I know I possess the qualities it takes to be an asset to the UO Bookstore's Board of Directors.

Eric Cook

I am a native of Eugene, and been shopping at the University of Oregon Bookstore since childhood. The Board of Directors would be enriched by my presence. My knowledge of the staff and operating does a great job connecting with its members, but there is more to be done. Students should be informed about where the money they spend on textbooks goes. Because after all, the bookstore belongs to all University of Oregon students.

Gugu Simrat Khalsa No statement or photo submitted.

Caitlin McCurdy No statement submitted.