Service is often a significant part of faculty members’ contributions to the institution and overall workload. Yet, it remains hard to define both what counts as service and how to measure it as part of personnel reviews.

Listen to the Defining Service podcast from Academic Impressions in which UO’s own Gabe Paquette, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, discusses how UO, led by the Senate’s Taskforce on Service, has embarked on an initiative to create a shared vocabulary for what constitutes service, how UO has created partnerships with key functional areas to make progress on the service initiative, and how UO has started to align service with broader institutional priorities. Gabe unpacks the process UO has followed and shares initial challenges, outcomes, successes, and the road ahead.

OPPORTUNITIES & DEADLINES

Fall Teaching Core Education Summit: Register for this interactive event on Friday, November 18 that includes timely updates, remarks from acting Provost Woodruff-Borden about the importance of Core Education in the UO student experience, and a chance to focus on the goals of Core Education—and to talk with colleagues about the teaching moves that matter most in these courses.

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