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We need the participation of new voices and more voices. In the seven years I have worked at UW-Madison I have encountered many classified staff who work hard every day to support the mission of this university but have given up on participating beyond their work unit because they have received the message that their voices and their ideas do not matter. I would like to serve on the classified staff executive committee because I want to ensure that all classified staff voices are heard and their needs addressed. We have finally been given shared governance. Now it is time to find a way to bring all voices to the table.

The executive committee will need to listen to all voices and to communicate with all classified staff. My goal is to ensure that all workers feel they have a voice and will have a means to actively contribute to the governance of UW. As a member of the executive committee I would work with others throughout the university to collaboratively develop creative ways to make that happen.

Just as a choir needs full and balanced participation from all vocal sections to perform at its best, the UW-Madison needs full and balanced participation of staff, faculty, administrators and students. It is time to move this great institution forward in a climate of cooperation where we can all be learners and teachers; where every job and every voice matters!

Thank you! Your work, your voice and your vote matter.