I'm Nathan Maney and I want to be your representative in the Blue Collar seat of this committee. I have been through hard times in the past several years as many have and through all of these times I've made a point to be an activist involved in protesting measures like Act 10 that have negatively affected many Wisconsinites and I believe in standing firmly opposed to anti-worker laws.

I have been in state civil service with UW-Madison for almost 2 years and during that time I have learned about many challenges that workers are facing. With this in mind I have decided to run for the Shared Governance Committee with the intention of raising awareness of worker related issues and keep the conversation going about what the best strategies are for negotiating conditions between the employees and the employer. No one yet knows what the Shared Governance system will do for us, but I'd argue it's best to put people who care about their co-workers on this committee. I count myself among those who actually care about the struggles that University employees and their families are facing.

Some of the main points I argue for are cost of living adjustments to pay, as well as the need to maintain the grievance procedure that has been in use. In addition, the Wisconsin Retirement System is something worth defending even if the actions of this committee will have little effect on what happens to this healthy pension fund. I do support change and the attempt to improve systems, but it is obvious that the workers of the University need a more broad picture of the changes being made and more involvement in how they are implemented.

I hope to earn your support and if elected will serve my coworkers dutifully.