

I am pleased to be nominated for the position of secretary for the MC Academic Senate. I have taught at Moorpark College since 1995, as an adjunct faculty member for nine years, and as a full-time faculty member for the last 20 years. For eleven of those years, I have served as faculty co-coordinator at the Writing Center, where I have collaborated with faculty, classified professionals, and student workers/tutors to provide support for writing across the disciplines. In that role, I have also seen the work dedicated faculty engage in to meet the requirements of assembly bills and state initiatives that seek to bring change to the way we provide support to students in gateway courses. I have appreciated the work of the state-wide Academic Senate on these issues. I began participating as an alternate representative on Academic Senate in 2021, and have been the rep for the English Department since 2022, participating in the student scholarship and sabbatical leave work groups. If elected I will continue to support the Senate as it works to create a place where faculty can voice their ideas and concerns so that others can be informed. In the role of Secretary, I will serve the campus to ensure that information about meetings and activities are clear and easily available. I will also facilitate faculty membership of the AS Council and supporting divisions and departments with Standing Committee representation. I look forward to serving the Academic Senate in this role, facilitating connection and community for our campus through the Senate.

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