

Dear Fellow Faculty Members,

Thank you for the nomination for president of the Academic Senate. If elected, I will actively listen to faculty and make sure all our voices are heard by all the other stakeholders in participatory governance.

I started on the Academic Senate as an alternate representative before the pandemic, was elected as AS secretary in 2020, and have been serving as AS treasurer since 2023. As a FTMA professor in film production, mass communication, and television studies, I teach general education academic courses as well as hands-on career education courses with labs. I understand how vital non-instructional faculty are to the success of our students and am proud to have been AS secretary when we passed the resolution in support of non-instructional faculty.

I am pleased to have led the workgroup that created the first rubric to increase objectivity in the faculty prioritization process. This was initiated by listening to faculty concerns and then leading the workgroup to incorporate faculty feedback. After it was implemented, a survey of faculty reported that the rubric creates a more equitable faculty prioritization process.

I am proud to have been an officer when we passed the resolution in solidarity with the Asian American and Pacific Islander community, “to create a safe and inclusive working and learning environment where diversity and multiculturalism are treasured and respected fundamentally and institutionally.” I am proud to have been an officer when we passed the Black Lives Matter resolution, “rejecting individual and institutional racism on campus and in our community.”

I am genuinely curious about the processes that affect Academic Senates and faculty statewide. I will do the research and the deep dives required of academic senate presidents to find the root of an issue, present it to faculty for feedback, and then represent that feedback in meetings with students, classified professionals, administration, district, and the state. To better understand the nuances of the academic senate, I have attended several conferences and plenaries to learn about the laws and policies that empower Academic Senates in California.

I will continue to work hard to support our Academic Senate and all our faculty in academic and professional needs. I am grateful for this nomination and would be honored to do the hard work of president for the Academic Senate at Moorpark College. Thank you for your consideration.

With appreciation,

Nicole Block