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Dear Colleagues,

I am honored and humbled to be nominated for Academic Senate Vice President for the 2025-2027 academic years. I have one page to "sell myself". Sounds like a dating app where I am trying to convince you all to swipe right. All jokes aside, and yes, I am well aware this will become a public document (which hopefully when someone Googles "how to write a nomination acceptance letter for an Academic Senate office in a higher institution" as I did, will come across this document and laugh. So, I threw away my search tactics and penned this from the heart, albeit a nice institution-supplied laptop, nonetheless.

I started at Moorpark College in 1997 as an adjunct faculty in our nationally awarded nursing program, and spent the next 10 years as an adjunct faculty, working hard to prove myself worthy of that full-time spot. Despite a rejection, I tried again. I have been full-time since 2007, for a whopping 17 years and 10 months (according to what LinkedIn reminded me). Besides nursing, I have been teaching Healthcare Ethics online for about 10 years. I have been a practicing (and remain practicing) registered nurse for 34 years in our local hospitals, specializing in everything but "delivering babies". I have a passion for the outdoors, and as many of you know, if I am not with the students or in the hospital, I am in our local mountains, or running the streets of the county.

While at Moorpark College, I have been on multiple participatory governance committees, such as Health and Wellness, Safety, Academic Senate, co-chaired Professional Development, and currently co-chair the Distance Education Committee. I have been on various campus and district-wide subcommittees that focused on distance education, student success, program success, faculty equity, and college outcomes. I have volunteered at numerous campus and district-wide events, and for over 25 years, I coordinated a county-wide flu vaccination clinic in partnership with Moorpark College and various community agencies. In April 2024, I had the honor of being selected to attend the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Plenary session. This sparked my passion for becoming more involved in local and state-wide educational bills and initiatives.

I believe in total transparency. If elected as an officer in the Academic Senate, I am committed to representing and servicing our faculty, students, campus, district, and community. My passion for the pedagogy of education, the altruism of my profession in nursing, and my commitment to health, safety, equity, and social justice are the driving forces behind maintaining integrity and advocacy for my students, peers, patients, community, and country.

Thank you for the nomination for Academic Senate Vice President at Moorpark College for the 2025-2027 academic years.

Respectfully Submitted,

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