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Academic Senate Officer-at-Large Student Services
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I am excited to run for Academic Senate Officer-at-Large Student Services; and even more thrilled for the chance to continue to represent faculty. For the past five years, I have had the pleasure to serve on Academic Senate as both a Senator and a Senate Officer. In my time with Academic Senate, I have learned that I have a lot more to learn, and that faculty need a strong voice to represent their interests. As an active participant in shared governance, I am able to maintain a pulse on the current issues related to faculty and students. I continue to demonstrate my ability to represent faculty interests as evidenced in my roles as Co-Chair of the Petitions Review Committee, the Cuyamaca College Contract Faculty VP for the American Federation of Teachers, AFT Guild, Local 1931, and former Tri-Chair for the Student Success and Equity Committee. It would be my honor to continue to serve in the role of Academic Senate Officer-at-Large Student Services.

I have been teaching and counseling in the community college system for seventeen years, fifteen of those years spent at Cuyamaca College Disabled Students Programs & Services (DSPS). As a DSPS Counselor at Cuyamaca College, I have worked collaboratively with faculty, staff, and administrators to advocate on behalf of students with disabilities. I have established good working relationships on campus and in the surrounding community to identify barriers for students, create solutions, and promote student success. I also teach Personal Development Special Services and Counseling classes. When I am not working at Cuyamaca, you can find me teaching and practicing yoga.