

**Claudia Cuz-Flores** 

My name is Claudia Cuz-Flores, and I am currently an Adjunct Counselor and Instructor. I have served diverse student populations throughout the past 7 years as a faculty member here at Cuyamaca College. I have worked with diverse student populations such as, first-year, first-generation, undocumented students, former foster youth, single parents, and multicultural populations. Working with such diverse student groups, I have become aware of the many challenges our students face and I have become a strong advocate to institutionalized equity-minded practices, while validating their cultural wealth so we can better support our students. Also, as an adjunct faculty member, I have experienced the challenges of being a frequent freeway flyer and multi-campus commitments, but overall, the commitment that we have for our students. I seek the opportunity of becoming the next Academic Senator to effectively serve and support vulnerable and marginalized populations at our local campus, but to also represent the adjunct faculty body. I am committed on promoting student equity practices that promote student success for all students, but I am also committed on representing and advocating for the adjunct faculty body as well. I hope you consider me to represent you and students at the Academic Senate.