

Academic Senate Nomination:

Debra Hills-Beckwith

Bio:

Debra Hills-Beckwith has been an adjunct professor in the English as a Second Language (ESL) department since 2015. During this time she has worked alongside her colleagues to develop and implement a student centered accelerated curriculum. Her teaching pedagogy is centered in culturally sustaining methodology, valuing students' affective needs and funds of knowledge as vital to academic success. She recently completed her PhD in Education through the joint doctoral program with San Diego State University and Claremont Graduate University with dissertation research emphasizing equity and access in community college ESL. Dr. Hills-Beckwith previously served as on the Student Success and Equity Council, lending her voice and experience to issues of student access and equity and faculty development for new adjunct instructors. As a member of the Academic Senate, she hopes to provide a voice for adjunct faculty as well as advocating for more equitable spaces for students by expanding educational access and career preparedness to better include students from marginalized or otherwise non-traditional student groups.