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I am an English instructor who is currently running for the Vice-President position of the Academic Senate. I have decided to run out of a sense of urgency to better serve our College. I want to actively work to further Cuyamaca's commitment to diversity, equity, and student success. I know this College has a valuable mix of experiences and perspectives and I am looking forward to connecting with people to foster further vibrant and effective shared governance and committee participation. I want to do my part to further develop Cuyamaca's engaging and supportive environment for all students and faculty.

So far, I have been working to serve Cuyamaca in a variety of ways. I have been Academic Senate representative for the English Department for the last two years. I am also a member of the Outcomes and Assessment Committee (OAC) and part of the planning group for the Social Justice Conference workgroup, which aims to provide students with an enriching conference that invites them to further connect with our community. I am also part of the Teaching Dialogues Advisory Team as a way to actively support my colleagues and celebrate the work that is being done by our faculty. I am also participating in this year's Multi-Disciplinary Equity-Minded Teaching and Learning Institute, where I have benefitted from connecting with fellow colleagues also working to become more equity-minded practitioners. As part of my work in the English Department, I participate in RISE, a community of practice dedicated to meeting the diverse needs of our students and creating more equitable student outcomes through significant structural interventions. I am also working on expanding the Cuyamaca Creative Writing Club to create a space where our students can express themselves and elevate their individual voices. My proudest accomplishment so far, however, is receiving the Cuyamaca College Award for Teaching Excellence at the start of this spring 2021 semester. I am honored to have been recognized for my commitment to serving and supporting our students. I am motivated to continue growing as student-centered instructor.

I am a proud member of Cuyamaca College who aims to approach all aspects of my work with enthusiasm, a growth mindset, and an open heart. I want to be more engaged in supporting our campus-wide work and would be honored to serve Cuyamaca College as Vice-President of the Academic Senate.

