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I am an English instructor who is currently running for re-election as Vice-President of the Academic Senate. I have served in this role for the past year and have been learning more about how to better serve our faculty and community. I am interested in continuing to serve as Academic Vice President because I want to do my part to further develop Cuyamaca's engaging and supportive environment for all students and faculty.

I know this College has a valuable mix of experiences and perspectives and I would be honored to get the opportunity to grow in this role—to take this last year's experience and do a better job of fostering further vibrant and effective shared governance and committee participation. It is important to make sure faculty needs are addressed as we continue to work to support Cuyamaca's commitment to diversity, equity, and student success.

Along with my role in the Academic Senate, I have been working to serve Cuyamaca in a variety of ways. I have also recently been working as our campus's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Site Lead in order to support our District's commitment to equal opportunity employment. I am 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. As part of my work in the English Department, I participate in 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 by growing our new online literary journal. 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 for another term.