

## **Candidate for Part-Time Faculty Officer-at-Large of the Academic Senate**

### **Debra Hills-Beckwith**

I am an adjunct professor in English as a Second Language (ESL) and am currently serving my second year on Academic Senate as Part-Time Senator for Instruction. In the classroom, my pedagogy is one of inclusion, recognizing the many barriers to education many of my students face. I approach education through a lens of assets-based teaching and research, which emphasizes educational equity by meeting students' affective needs and using strategies that are culturally relevant and sustaining. Collaboration is another value I work to champion, working closely with colleagues in my department and across campus, to create and promote opportunities for student engagement and success. I believe strongly in creating and maintaining an institutional climate of educational excellence that involves everyone, from students, staff, and faculty, to collaborating with Grossmont College and the communities our district serves.

