**ACADEMIC SENATE FACULTY CO-CHAIR ELECTIONS (Spring, 2019)**

**Distance Education Committee: faculty statements (2 nominees)**

**Linda Kennedy:**

Dear Moorpark College Academic Senate, March 09, 2019

Eight years ago, I was an established Registered Dental Hygienist living in a newly purchased

home in Ventura with my husband and daughter. Working with patients was very rewarding,

however, at the time, I felt a push to grow professionally and I struggled daily with the challenge of finding a new trajectory. It wasn’t until I began volunteering at the Ventura Community College Library that I realized that obtaining a master’s degree in Library and Information Science was the direction I needed to take to begin this new chapter in my life. While the choice of becoming a Librarian came easily, determining how to best obtain the degree was a greater challenge. With family and financial commitments, attending a brick and mortar institution such as UCLA or USC was not a viable option. Thankfully, with the Distance Education program through San Jose State University, I was able to achieve my dream and step into a field that aligned more with my strengths and interests.

Fast forward to the present and I can honestly say that my dream has come true. I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with such amazing faculty and staff at Moorpark College, and it is only because of the availability of distance education that I could have achieved this goal. This is why I am asking to be considered for the position of co-chair of the DE Committee. Distance education is near and dear to my heart and I am passionate in paying it forward to future students who can benefit from the opportunity to obtain a quality education through non-traditional means. It would be a privilege to serve in this capacity on a committee that is filled with such dedicated members.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Kennedy MLIS

Librarian

Moorpark College Library

**(Shannon Macias - see next page)**

**Shannon Macias:**

I would like to be considered for the position of DE Co-chair. I have taught multiple hybrid and online courses at two community college campuses for the last five years. I earned my Masters degree in Taxation online through Golden Gate University. This allows me to tap into my experience as a student struggling to maneuver through an online course with little to no instructor interact. My goal is to make the online experience similar to what my students would experience in my on ground courses. My Department Chair requested permission to use my online courses as an example for other instructors.

Although new to the Moorpark campus, I believe that I can contribute to the DE Co-chair position given my experience as an instructor and student of online courses. I would like to contribute to the campus through a larger role in the DE Committee if possible.

Thank you for your time,

Shannon Macias

Assistant Professor of Accounting

Department of Business Administration

Moorpark College

**Professional Development Committee: faculty statements (2 nominees)**

**Allison Bowman:**

I teach Communication Studies and am in my 3rd year of tenure. I became interested in professional development after attending one of the pd workshops that taught me different teaching strategies. I then joined the Professional Development Committee and am a current member. I am also part of the conference funds work group. Not only do I have experience on the committee side of professional development, I also have experience on the presentation side. I have given a presentation on public speaking for the “Pizza and Pedagogy” professional development event series.

Allison Bowman

**Beth Gillis-Smith:**

I would like to put my name forward as Professional Development Committee co-chair.  I would like to support faculty development across campus.  I have served on the committee in the past and look forward to helping the effort to bring engaging professional development to our campus community.

Beth Gillis-Smith, M.A.

English/Writing Center Faculty

Moorpark College

**Student Equity and Achievement Committee: faculty statement (1 nominee)**

**Trulie Thompson:**

I have served as faculty co-chair of the Student Equity and Achievement (SEA) Committee since Fall 2016. A few highlights from this time include completion of the college’s Integrated Plan, revision of SEA committee membership and objectives, and development of a budget request process and prioritization for SEA funding.

I currently serve on the Guided Pathways Steering Committee in addition to being a member of the Faculty Inquiry Group (it is amazing—you should join us!!!) As counseling faculty, I assist students in general counseling but also teach Coun M23: PASS Academy, a course specifically targeting probation and dismissed students.

I would like to use my knowledge and experience to contribute to our campus’ efforts supporting student success and equity. I am grateful for the fantastic opportunities for collaboration that the SEA Committee allows and appreciate your consideration to continue serving as faculty co-chair!

**Trulie Thompson, Counselor**

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