

Candidate Statement

Erik D. Reese for Academic Senate President, 2020-21

Dear Fellow Moorpark Faculty Members,

Change seems to be the only constant. Changes within departments, changes at the college, changes at the district, and changes at the state are bombarding us. Through it all, faculty are focused on the students and student success, aiding students in reaching their individual academic and professional goals. These changes perhaps bring challenges, but at the same time, provide opportunity to better support our diverse student population, which is also changing. Moorpark College faculty, classified staff, and administrators already do great work with the college receiving many accolades but strive to do even better, as is our way. By using a student-centered approach, viewing things through an equity lens, being active participants, and working collaboratively, we can continue to perform well and find ways to improve that will benefit primarily students but faculty and staff as well. The Academic Senate provides the important faculty perspective on academic and professional matters through our shared governance model. It would be a pleasure to collaborate with all of you to better support our students by listening often and facilitating the will of the faculty body in all academic and professional matters.

I have had the pleasure of serving as Academic Senate Secretary for three years, Academic Senate Vice-President this year, faculty co-chair of FTCAP for two years, and am in my third year as department chair. These various roles have afforded me experience in many of the processes and procedures at the college, district, and state. With still yet much to learn, I welcome the opportunity to learn from and with each and every one of you to provide the optimal student experience.

Thank you for your consideration,

Erik