

Candidate Statement from Renée Butler
for Academic Senate Vice President 2020-2021

Dear MC AS Faculty Members,

Over the past six years, I enjoyed being part of the Moorpark College community, serving our students first, and “Moorparking-it” with fellow faculty and staff. Like most of you, I have devoted my professional life to teaching students and supporting faculty. If you know me, you know I have a huge heart for our students and their success. And, throughout the many years of teaching students math, I have received much support from faculty and mentors. And so, I also have a huge heart to pay that forward and help support as many faculty as I can.

In my second year of the tenure process, I jumped into AS as the representative for the math department. Since then, I have served as AS Treasurer for three years, and as AS Secretary this past year. In these roles, I have organized (and somehow pulled off, with much help from my fellow officers) the End of the Year Celebration Brunch. As treasurer, I helped organize raising funds for the ASC budget. I have learned much by serving on the Sabbatical Leave committee, the AS Scholarship workgroup, and the “Brick” Award workgroup. (Are you due for a brick? Let us know!) As AS secretary, I have really enjoyed posting documents on the AS website. Also, I have done my best to type up the minutes for each council meeting.

At MC, I attended Dean’s Council anytime they invited faculty. I believe it is important to take these opportunities to have our voice heard. At the district, I attended several BOT meetings, and had the opportunity to represent MC at one of the Consultation Council meetings. At the state level I learned a great deal about AS by attending three Plenary conferences and participating in the break-out sessions. And, at the local level, I have attended several Area-C meetings. I believe it is important to participate at all of these levels, and in doing so, I have helped bring back important information for our faculty and college.

So, why do I want to serve as the AS VP? That is a very good question! For about 100 years (I rounded way up) I have been in my “math-world” box serving students and faculty the best I can. In joining AS, I have stepped out of that box and have found a new world in academia in which I have enjoyed learning about, and have been able to serve, support, and give back to faculty. With being part of President Sanchez’ Leadership program, and Chancellor Gillespie’s Leadership Academy, I am confident I can serve faculty and students in this leadership role as AS VP. I would appreciate your support and consideration for this officer position. I welcome the opportunity to serve as the Vice President of Academic Senate at Moorpark College.

Thank you,

Renée Butler