

Dear fellow members of the Academic Senate,

I want to start off by thanking you for electing me to the position of Secretary in September and for nominating me again for the upcoming full term. I also want to thank President Erik Reese, Vice President Tiffany Pawluk, and Treasurer Ruth Bennington for sharing their valuable knowledge with me on how to perform the duties of an officer. All the members of the Academic Senate Council are collaborative, thoughtful, and respectful and I am honored to be a part of such a group that truly puts the students first.

As you may remember from my September statement, I earned my bachelor's degree from UC San Diego's Thurgood Marshall College and my master's degree from Cal State Fullerton in film and television. I worked in the entertainment industry for over ten years and I was promoted through the ranks by working long hours, juggling many job duties, brain storming with creative teams, and meeting hard deadlines. No matter what each particular production needed, it was my job to be flexible, collaborative, and do my part to help each project succeed.

Currently, as a tenured professor in Film, Television & Media Arts (FTMA), I collaborate with Associated Students and the Performing Arts Center to make the annual reality competition TV show called "Raiders Got Talent!". I am a member of the Career Technical Education workgroup and team up with CTE every year to produce and moderate the annual "Entertainment Industry Panel". I co-founded the Film Club in 2017 and continue to be the advisor during the pandemic.

I have attended conferences such as the Online Teaching Conference, the California Community College conference for Occupational Education, and the Great Teachers Conference. In October, I attended my first Academic Senate Area C meeting with other area officers. In November, I am attending the state-wide Academic Senate California Community College plenary conference. Currently, I am collaborating with marketing to create logo ideas to propose to the Academic Senate Council.

As A.S. Secretary, I will continue to work hard to support our Academic Senate and all our faculty in all academic and professional needs, including the support of behavior and practice that promotes anti-racism, freedom, equity, and justice on campus and in our community. I am grateful for this nomination and would be honored to continue to represent our faculty as Secretary of the Academic Senate. Thank you for your consideration.

Warmest regards,

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