

Candidate Statement

Nicole Block for Academic Senate Secretary

Dear fellow members of the Academic Senate,

I want to start off by thanking whoever nominated me for this position. As they say in the biz, it is an honor just to be nominated.

I began my career in the entertainment industry after graduating from UCSD and CSUF. I worked my way up the ladder of the television producing team. The term producer is not always easy to define. In general, the producer is a leader of the production team who makes it happen. Depending on the job, the “it” could mean almost anything. I did everything from organizing meetings to hiring crew to lugging camera gear to negotiating budgets to managing a (difficult) sports-star turned TV-host. I even learned to knit a scarf for a knitting show on the DIY network. I worked in several different locations including raceways, Hollywood studios, backyards, a Beverly Hills hotel ballroom, a Super Bowl stadium, a San Francisco pier, and Walt Disney World. No matter what that particular production needed, it was my job to be flexible, collaborative, and make sure it happened.

And now I am lucky enough to guide Moorpark College students through their own productions. Since I started at Moorpark College in 2016, I have spearheaded a collaboration with Associated Students and the Performing Arts Center to create the new reality competition TV show called “Raiders Got Talent!”. I have collaborated with Career Technical Education to produce and moderate the annual “Entertainment Industry Panel” that brings working professionals to campus to discuss their careers in-person with our curious students. In 2017, I co-founded the Film Club and continue to be the advisor and chaperone on many field trips including movie studio tours, live TV show tapings, and film screenings.

I attended conferences such as the Online Teaching Conference and the Great Teachers Conference. In the last year, I worked with Curriculum and my fellow program faculty members to merge Film Studies and FTVM into the new program called Film, Television & Media Arts (FTMA). I also created a new class called Television Studies that will premiere in Fall 2021. I have served on my first hiring committee and am now on my first tenure committee. I worked with Counseling on a Guided Pathway for FTMA. And earlier this year, just before the pandemic hit, I was granted tenure.

As A.S. Secretary, I will work hard to support our faculty and our AS President in all academic and professional needs. I will make it happen. I am grateful for this nomination and would be honored to represent our faculty as Secretary of the Academic Senate. Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,

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