

# **Distance Education Faculty Co-Chair Candidate Statement**

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Please consider renewing my term as DE Committee Faculty Co-Chair.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this position over the last two years. I have learned a tremendous amount about campus governance, the Brown Act, and what this position entails. I believe I have effectively served as a resource during this emergency situation where almost the entire campus became online faculty and staff within a week of the “Stay at Home” mandates. Throughout this crisis, I have provided information to instructors, managers, and multiple committees. I met with many faculty to assist with their online courses. I continue to offer insight into faculty, staff, and student perspectives and changing campus needs for effective teaching, student services, training, and procedures. I continuously strive to develop closer relationships with multiple committees on campus and at the District, and work to improve the DE Committee’s role on campus, including offering pragmatic solutions to evaluations, class sizes, effective instructor contact guidelines, accessibility, and equity issues.

I have taught multiple hybrid and online courses at multiple college campuses for the last seven years. I earned my Master’s 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 interaction. My goal is to make the online experience similar to what my students would experience in my on-ground courses. During my first year at Moorpark, my Department Chair requested permission to use my online courses as an example for other instructors. Recently, I became an online Peer Online Course Reviewer (POCR) and have one course aligned to the CVC-OEI rubric with more courses ready for review.

Although newer to the Moorpark campus, I believe that I can continue to contribute as the DE Committee Faculty Co-Chair and am always willing to incorporate ideas on how to improve DE on our campus.

Thank you for your time,  
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