

Dear Fellow Faculty Members,

I am honored to accept the nomination for Treasurer of the Academic Senate. As Secretary since 2020, the idea of learning and implementing the job duties of Treasurer truly excites me. All the members of the Academic Senate Council are collaborative, thoughtful, and respectful and I am grateful to be a part of such a dedicated group that truly puts the students first.

As you may know, 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 fifteen 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 am a member of the Career Technical Education workgroup and team up with CTE to produce the "Entertainment Industry Panel" for Career Week. I also recruit many of the professionals who are a part of our annual FTMA Advisory Board. I co-founded the Film Club in 2017 and have continued as the advisor, even through the pandemic. This involves monthly general meetings and monthly officer meetings along with field trips to locations such as the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, Warner Bros Studios, and Sony Studios. I also produce the annual springtime Film Fest that allows students to see their hard work on the big screen in a cinema to enjoy alongside the community.

As A.S. Secretary, I have kept our website updated, taken the minutes at every meeting, spearheaded the creation of the new Academic Senate logo, and led the workgroup for the new faculty prioritization rubric. I have attended conferences such as the Online Teaching Conference, the California Community College conference for Occupational Education, and the Great Teachers Conference. I attended two of the state-wide Academic Senate California Community College plenary conferences, one in person and one virtually. Most recently, I was pleased to get additional information about the Brown Act, Roberts Rules, Resolutions, I.D.E.A.A., and more at the Faculty Leadership Institute in Sacramento.

I will continue to work hard to support our Academic Senate and all our faculty in all academic and professional needs. I am committed to supporting any behavior and practice that promotes inclusion, diversity, equity, anti-racism, and accessibility on campus and in our community. I am grateful for this nomination and would be honored to do the work of Treasurer for the Academic Senate. Thank you for your consideration.

Warmest regards,

*Nicole Block*