

Dear Colleagues,

I feel honored to have been nominated for the position of vice-president of the MC Academic Senate. For those of you who do not know me personally, this is my eighth year at MC, and I teach accounting. I have been active on campus throughout my time here, and all those activities have broadened my knowledge and understanding of our students.

I currently serve as co-chair of the SLO Committee, and I am a voting member of the Integrated Planning Committee, the Curriculum Committee, and the Distance Education Committee. I serve on the Guided Pathways Steering Committee, and I am a member of the board of Ruben Castro Charities - RCC operates a food pantry drive-through on campus on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

I began my participation in Senate as the alternate senator for the business department. I have been the AS treasurer for the past three years, and I have loved working with Erik Reese, Tiffany Pawluk, and Nicole Block. I have chaired the senate scholarship workgroup and have worked to update our application process and papers to be more equitable for students. I believe that I am ready for more responsibility and a different senate role. I have attended several ASCCC plenary sessions and have learned much about both local and statewide senate activities.

If elected, I commit to continuing the work of Academic Senate by promoting equity and justice across campus, and doing my best for our college, district, and community.

Thank you for considering me for this position.

- *Ruth Bennington*