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**Subject:** Joining DE Committee (Statement of Interest)

Hello Academic Senate Council,

My name is Benaz (Boe) Mendewala and I am a third-year full-time faculty in the Physical Sciences Department teaching physics (and one astronomy course as well), and I am interested in joining the Distance Education committee as a voting member. Being in the unique position of teaching an in-person class, a hybrid online class with an in-person lab, and a fully online asynchronous class every semester, with my in-person classes at both Brentwood and Pittsburg campuses, I feel my personal experience with all the types of modalities we offer and at both campuses could provide valuable insights to the DE committee. Currently, we face changes in accreditation standards regarding online classes, as well as changes in contract for online faculty, along with a rapidly changing technological landscape that fundamentally challenges our teaching methods and online classroom environments, and I find the work that the DE committee does to address these concerns very valuable and relevant to me, and I think I would be a great fit to contribute to that service.

Please let me know if you need anything further from me, I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Best,

Boe