
Statement of Interest: Faculty Sabbatical Leave Committee

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Statement of Interest:

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Faculty Sabbatical Leave Committee.

I have been a full-time faculty member in Speech Communication for the past ten (10) years at Los Medanos College (LMC).

My history at LMC displays my commitment to fostering a culture of academic growth, innovation, and professional development as I have served on a variety of shared governance committees, lead professional development activities and be actively involved at the district level on various endeavors.

I recently returned from my own Sabbatical Leave, taken during the 2024-2025 academic year. My Sabbatical Leave has fueled my desire to be a part of this committee.

Sabbatical Leaves are a vital component of faculty development, offering opportunities for research, creative work, and pedagogical advancement that benefit our students, LMC and the district. I look forward to participating in a fair, transparent, and thoughtful review process that honors the diverse goals and disciplines represented across our faculty and district.

My background in Communication Studies provides me with strong evaluative and collaborative skills, and I am confident in my ability to engage constructively with colleagues across the district in assessing proposals and upholding the integrity of the Sabbatical Leave process.

I welcome the opportunity to contribute to the Faculty Sabbatical Leave Committee and help ensure that Sabbatical Leaves continue to serve as a meaningful avenue for professional enrichment and institutional excellence.

Thank you for your consideration,

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