

Statement of interest

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Greetings,

My name is Faith Watkins and I would like to express my interest in representing the counseling department as a voting member. I was hired as full-time counselor for the Umoja Scholars Program in 2016. Prior to that I was an adjunct counselor from 2014-2016, working the general student and well as specific programs that include the Umoja Scholars program, EOPS, CalWorks. Outside of counseling, I have served as an academic senator, induna council and collaborate with the transfer center in planning the HBCU tours. Before coming to Los Medanos College, I worked as a social worker for 10 years, supporting foster youth in Contra Costa County, Alameda County and San Francisco County. This work allowed me the opportunity to work with at-risk and disadvantaged populations. In all of my work, I practice empathy and use a student-centered approach that allow the students a safe space to discuss person and academic goals while on their academic journey. Serving on the Curriculum Committee would provide me the opportunity to work with colleagues on reviewing and voting on courses to support student success and to be a voice for unrepresented students.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Faith Watkins