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Dear Academic Senate,

I am expressing my interest to volunteer and provide service to the upcoming hiring committee for Interim LMC President to serve from Jan 1 - June 30, 2023. Mark Lewis expressed a need for Faculty Representation for this important process and I am answering the call for Faculty interest.

My role at LMC as Counseling Faculty for the MESA Program is to provide academic, career, and personal counseling services directly to our STEM students for a successful transfer to a University. I collaborate with the Dean of Math & Science, our MESA Director, and with many STEM Faculty with the goal of STEM student success. Helping students achieve their goals and academic transfer success is meaningful work and rewarding.

I am also serving my 2nd year as Counseling Department Co-Chair. This academic year will complete my rotation as Co-Chair and it has been an immense learning experience in being a department liaison to work and communicate directly with Management and campus representatives on a regular basis to maintain departmental services for our students. I have worked in close collaboration with our Vice President of Student Services, Vice President of Instruction, Dean of Counseling & Student Support, Dean of Student Success, many Student Services Directors, and with many Classified Staff colleagues.

My Departmental Co-Chair role also entails co-facilitating Departmental meetings, taking the lead on course scheduling with the Office of Instruction, counseling appointment scheduling to meet campus program and student needs, and many other project assignments to help the department run smoothly during the year.

For LMC to positively move forward after President Bob Kratochvil's retirement, strong leadership from Management is important with comprehensive communication to the campus community. The incoming Interim President will have a great impact on the first 6 months of 2023.

I am expressing my interest to provide service for the hiring committee for the Interim President role to further my service to the campus community and expand my experience. My current role as Co-Chair has involved job posting with Office of Instruction, screening and selecting candidates for interview, interviewing, and hiring of our Adjunct Faculty. My experience also entails Box 2A proposal submissions to our Management regarding vacant roles due to resignation.

Best,

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