
LOS MEDANOS
COLLEGE

Honors Program

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Hello Academic Senate Colleagues,

I am asking for your support to be one of the faculty appointed to the LMC Presidential Screening and Interview Committee for the reasons outlined below. However, before presenting my qualifications, it's important for you to know that if selected, I pledge to take seriously my role as a *representative* of LMC faculty. This is a hugely impactful decision, and it's vital that we three advocate on behalf of all. Therefore, if you choose me to serve, I will coordinate ways for us to listen, *really listen*, to what faculty care most about as we choose our first new president in a decade. This will include anonymous surveys and both in-person and Zoom meetings during which we can hear what matters to you.

In addition to doing my best to understand and represent your interests, here are other reasons I believe I am a strong candidate:

- **Institutional Commitment:** As an almost 30-year employee of LMC, I am deeply familiar with and committed to the people, values and history that make this college special. I know our community and students well and can appreciate our college's strengths and current challenges.
- **Wide-Ranging Professional Experiences:** I am highly involved at LMC, having served in myriad positions including:
 - a faculty member in three departments
 - learning community leader
 - student club advisor
 - Nexus co-coordinator
 - Title III STEM grant director
 - department chair
 - study abroad program leader
 - Academic Senator

In addition, I have served on a wide variety of committees, taskforces and initiatives including the current Shared Governance Council that works closely with the college president. These experiences give me insight into the kind of leader LMC needs now.

- **Effective Communication:** We need faculty on the committee who will articulate our position in a professional and persuasive fashion. I have a demonstrated a track record of promoting faculty interests with clarity and conviction.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope to have your support.

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