To the members of the Curriculum Committee,

My name is Thalia Bobadilla and I am a faculty member in the Speech department on campus. I have had the pleasure of teaching at Los Medanos College since Fall of 2018 and am happy to say that I have been offered another opportunity to teach this Fall.

When I initially began at Los Medanos College, I knew I wanted to gain a firm command of my pedagogical approach before I decided to commit my time to any committees or organizations. I’m happy to say that in Spring of 2020 I felt I finally had that command. Unfortunately, COVID-19 occurred and I found myself overwhelmed, like most instructors, in my efforts to keep up with the new online learning curve. I have since regained that command and am ready and happy to dedicate my time and efforts to something much larger than myself. That something hopefully being the curriculum committee.

I completed my undergraduate work in Communication Studies at CSU Stanislaus, and I completed my graduate work in Communication Education at University of the Pacific. A major portion of my graduate work focused on ways to effectively teach in the classroom with a component on classroom research, including but not limited to student demographics, child development and socialization, creating a connected classroom and student motivation. I understand that my contributions may not be as grand as other faculty within the committee, but isn’t that what the curriculum committee is about? Bringing together folks from all walks of life to “ensure effective, meaningful, and equitable education” for our students? I believe my background would be best suited for helping establish local curriculum standards and guidelines for faculty but I’m happy to help in whatever capacity the committee deems appropriate. I would like to become a voting member, if possible, but understand if adjunct faculty are not able to hold such positions.

It is my desire to make a 2-year commitment, but alas as I am an adjunct can only commit to one year. Although I do hope to make it two years depending on what enrollment numbers bring in the following years.

I look forward to your response and thank you for your consideration.

Best,

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