**ACADEMIC SENATE – CO-LEAD/PRESIDENT**

**LETTER OF INTEREST – MARK LEWIS**

**From:** Lewis, Mark
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:33 PM
**To:** Duldulao, Abigail <ADuldulao@losmedanos.edu>
**Subject:** Re: Shared Senate President Position

Dear Senators,

I am interested in serving as a co-leader of the Academic Senate for the balance of the Fall 2021 term. Between the pandemic, and the unexpected departure of our senate president and vice president, we are truly in a disquieting and unprecedented time. I believe some sort of continuity in Senate leadership would be helpful during this transition period and, although I have never served in a Senate leadership position, I have been a Senate representative continuously since I started teaching at LMC 30 years ago, so I am familiar with Senate operations and history.  I also wrote most of the original Bylaws and Constitution of the Representative Senate. But my biggest asset to the Senate right now might be that I have no desire, now or ever, to leave my faculty position to become a dean or manager at any institution.

A Senate leader should not insert their ego into any Senate matter, and we have been blessed for many, many years with a succession of excellent Senate presidents who adhered to that ethic.  Although I personally have strong opinions on most academic issues and policies I will happily leave those at the door once in a leadership position and do all I can to encourage full discussion and debate among Senate members on any controversial issue that may come before the Senate.

I admire and respect all of you for the awesome work you do every day in service to our students and our community.  It has been, and continues to be, an honor to work with all the dedicated faculty, staff and managers at LMC.  If chosen for this position I will do my best to work as diligently for our faculty as our faculty work for the students of LMC.

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