

Brenda Flyswithawks, statement, candidate for Past President



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Statement of Interest for Academic Senate Past President

I respectfully and humbly request consideration and support of my nomination for Academic Senate Past President. I served two terms as Academic Senate President 1998-2002, serving as a Senator beginning 1996 to Spring 2019 with breaks in service, for a total of 16.5 years.

I recently retired this past December 21, 2019 after over 30 years of service as a full-time contract faculty member and returned as an Adjunct faculty Summer 2020.

I have served on the following District Committees: College Council, IPC, EPCC, Faculty Staffing, Faculty Equivalency, Professional Ethics Committee, Budget Advisory, LGBTQ Advisory Committee, Day Under the Oaks: Native American Celebration, and Multicultural Events Committee. On each of these committees I have served as Chair, Co-Chair, or Coordinator. I have also served on the Academic Integrity Task Force (Co-Chair), Policy 3.6 Task Force and Hate-Free Task Force (Co-Chair), the now Embracing Culture of Inclusion Committee. I was also appointed Co-Chair of the Safety Subcommittee, District Health and Safety Committee, by the President/Superintendent and most recently, appointed to the Senate Black Studies and Ethnic Studies Task Force. I am currently serving on the All Faculty Association (AFA) Executive Council.

I have served as Department Chair for the Behavioral Sciences Department and the Humanities Department and was serving my fourth term as Chair for the Behavioral Sciences Department at my retirement. I also served three terms as the Co-Chair of Department Chair Council (DCC) and in that role served on the Faculty Leadership Council (FLC) and the Presidents Consultation Council (PCC).

Serving on all of the above committees and as Department Chair provided the opportunity to interact on a *regular* basis with the President/Superintendent, Vice-Presidents, Deans, Managers, Department Chairs, Trustees of the Board, and in particular the Vice-President of Academic Affairs.

My above professional leadership experiences will inform my service as Past President, add stability to the Senate Executive Committee, and provide support to the President. As stated in the Senate ByLaws, I am *committed* to advising the Senate President in matters of the office of the President, advise the Senate and its officers on any matter affecting the duties and responsibilities of the Senate, and perform other duties assigned by the Senate President.

This is a unique opportunity to serve the Senate President, Executive Committee, Senate, and faculty, and I do *not* take this responsibility lightly. I am committed to working collaboratively and respectfully regarding all ten +1 matters.

I am thoughtful in my decision-making, respectful of diverse participation, inclusive, and work collaboratively with colleagues. As a respected *seasoned* faculty member at the College, I will be able to contribute both historical institutional knowledge and experience, as well as vision, forward thinking, and productivity for our Senate work. I promise to serve with integrity and respect.

It is with respect and humility I request consideration to serve as *your* Academic Senate Past President.