Welcome to the new academic year! I am looking forward to serving as your Faculty Senate President. The Faculty Senate is the representative governing body of the Faculty which includes Professional Staff. The Senate structure provides for an organized liaison between the faculty and the President of the College, other administrative officers, and the College Community at large. As I mentioned in my All College Day remarks, we will be updating the Senate web-page and Blackboard site with the names of new EC members and senators. We hope to have senate representation from all departments, so please ask your colleagues if you don't already know, who your senator/s are. Our recent Labor Day holiday reminds us of the importance of collective action and responsibility. Your senator is your access to important and critical shared governance information. Stay informed, ask questions, and stay connected.

We have revised the Senate meeting schedule for this year. We will be returning to once-amonth Faculty Senate meetings, with Senate-only meetings as needed. Each senator should have received the revised schedule. Meetings will begin at 3:30 pm. See below for dates and locations.

I believe that effective shared governance begins with strong, intentional, and forward thinking leadership that will focus on our students and respect for our collective professional lives. I look forward to working together, and wish you all a transformative and peaceful semester.

Dr. Nayda Pares-Kane Faculty Senate President

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