

Dear Colleagues – Thank you for taking the time to read this candidate statement. I am asking for your support in the pursuit of election to the position of Faculty Senate Vice President, Teaching Faculty.

I have been a faculty member at MCC since January, 1995, first as an adjunct, and subsequently hired into a tenure-track line in Fall, 1999. During this time, I have been active in departmental and College-wide curriculum development and implementation, and served as a Biology Department's Senator for 5 years. During the last year of my 2nd term, I was asked to fill the role of Special Projects Professor to the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee, working with Dean Char Downing. Upon her retirement, I served as the Interim Dean of Curriculum and Program Development for two and half years. Since returning to the Biology faculty, I have chaired the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee and served as a member of the Executive Committee. I feel that these varied roles have given me insight into many facets of operations at MCC, and I plan to use this breadth of knowledge to be an advocate for the faculty and staff of MCC through our shared governance processes.

The success of students at Monroe Community College is directly attributable to the efforts of all of us who impact our students' lives on a daily basis, providing guidance and assistance throughout their educational development. The faculty and staff at MCC deserve strong and honest leadership, and I am asking for your trust to be a part of that Senate leadership team. Nayda Pares-Kane and I have extensive experience working together to support and promote the efforts of faculty and staff. We will advocate for initiatives that assist our students in achievement of their goals while respecting and emphasizing the expertise of faculty and staff. We will adhere to established processes, while remaining open to change for the better of our students.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope to be able to serve you as your Teaching Faculty Vice President.

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