

Candidate Statement for Senate Faculty President

Dear Colleagues,

I am asking you to support my candidacy for President of the Faculty Senate with your vote.

This fall will mark my 20th year as a full time faculty member of MCC. I cannot think of a better way to commemorate my tenure than to lead the Faculty Senate and continue the courageous and bold work of the last two years. Our institution finds itself at a crossroads, moving at lightning speed to offset the negative trajectory of low enrollment and retention, tight budgets, and questions surrounding curriculum delivery and content. It is in this academic environment that we must recognize the importance of shared governance processes so that faculty and staff continue to have a voice, exercise our critical thinking, and govern with transparency and a deep respect for our direct service to students and our community.

I possess the skills and breadth of MCC knowledge to advocate on behalf of faculty and staff. I am well suited to lead, serve, and represent my colleagues as reflected in the many areas of diverse campus leadership. I have led college wide initiatives such as global education, curriculum development and assessment, professional development, and have experience in administrative roles. I have chaired the Anthropology, History, Political Science, Sociology department since 2009, and served as Interim Dean of the Humanities and Social Science division for three years. I plan to continue in my current role as AHPS chair to better integrate all faculty advocates and highlight the importance of chair roles in shared governance. MaryJo Vest and I have worked together in various roles to advocate for, support, and promote the amazing work of our colleagues. We will continue to serve MCC with strong, intentional, and unapologetic leadership that will focus on our students and respect for our collective professional lives.

Help me celebrate my 20 years here at MCC by voting and supporting my candidacy for Faculty Senate President.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nayda Pares-Kane