

My name is Mark Ernsthausen and I am running for the office of President of the Faculty Senate. If elected, it would be an honor and a privilege to work with the many dedicated faculty, staff and administrators in moving Monroe Community College into the future.

I am currently an associate professor in the mathematics department and am completing my 12th year at MCC. I have had the opportunity to serve the mathematics department for the past 6 years as a member of the Faculty Senate. As a member of the Professional Development Committee, we reviewed application packets for the NISOD, Wesley T. Hanson Excellence in Teaching, The MCC award for Excellence in Professional Service, and Leaves for Professional Advancement. Our committee also worked to develop a professional development opportunities concerning Helicopter Parents. As a member of the Special Committee for Administrative Affairs (SCAA), I had the opportunity to serve on 2 college wide searches: for the Academic Dean of the Damon City Campus and for our current Assistant to the Vice-President of Administrative Services.

For the last four years, I have served as the chair (or co-chair) of the Curriculum Committee. During my time as chair, our committee reviewed and approved curriculum proposals, held open hearings concerning the Individual Studies program, and held open hearings on the definitions for the MCC General Education Knowledge and Skills Requirements. As a member of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate I participated in creating a new committee, the College Assessment and Program Evaluation (CAPE) committee. In addition to my leadership role on the Faculty Senate, I have also served as chair of the Re-Invent, Re-imagine, and Re-engineer MCC General Education Committee. Our committee has been working over the last 3 semesters on examining our current General Education program. We will be completing our work in the next 8 months. These numerous opportunities have given me a broad perspective of the many issues that are prevalent on our campus.

If elected as President of the Faculty Senate, I would continue working with the Executive Committee to ensure that faculty and staff opinions and concerns are heard. I promise that my door will always be open to listen and work towards finding a solution to any issues that arise for the faculty. I feel that it is important for the administration and the Faculty Senate to work together in a collegial and collaborative manner. To achieve this goal, I will continue to invite the administration to meet with the Executive Committee and the full Faculty Senate on a regular basis.

MCC has a long history of leadership from past Presidents of the Faculty Senate. I look forward to the opportunity of continuing that tradition.

Thank you for your consideration.