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It has been an honor to represent our talented and caring faculty at Cuyamaca College and I am excited to run for another term as Full-Time Faculty Officer-at-Large for Instruction for Academic Senate. I am committed to continuing to represent our interests during a time when there are so many changes occurring. During my first two years as a senate officer, I have remained committed to my core values of equitable teaching and learning and shared governance. This means ensuring that our interests as faculty – in other words, the interests of those of us who work directly with students – remain front and center in decisions relating to academic and professional matters, both locally and statewide.

Last year I helped write and present the Calendar Alignment Resolution, which supported a 16-week compressed calendar, and the Resolution to Reaffirm the Value of Traditional Face-to-Face Classes, which supported a moratorium on canceling traditional face-to-face classes so as to bring students and a sense of community back to campus. Both resolutions passed in May, 2022. I also voted in favor of the Resolution for Adopting and Maintaining Equity Minded Communication, which passed in February, 2023, and I plan to vote in favor of the Students Thrive Resolution, which advocates lowering class caps in order to support equitable and anti-racist teaching and learning.

I have been teaching Sociology at Cuyamaca College for eight years now. During this time I have represented faculty on many committees and workgroups, including the President's Task Force on Racial Equity and Social Justice; served as chair of my department; spearheaded the Annual Social Justice Conference (which later joined with Umoja to become the Social Justice and Black Consciousness Conference); and been awarded Cuyamaca College Award for Teaching Excellence in 2019 and the Associated Student Government of Cuyamaca College Faculty of the Year Award in 2018. I love Cuyamaca College and our students and faculty, and hope I can continue to be a valuable advocate in the coming Academic Year.