



Academic Senate Candidates and Statements of Interest

Academic Senate President:

- **Nikki Dequin**

I would like to express my interest in the presidency for academic senate. I would like to take another leadership role on campus and work with the senate on all issues Gavilán.

Vice President of Academic Affairs:

- **Arturo Rosette**

Dearest Academic Senate—first I want to give the entire Senate a big hug of appreciation for the tremendous work that you have endeavored in over the past eighteen months. I have been honored to serve as your president during that time and have learned more than I could have imagined.

Because I believe in all that we have accomplished and realize we have much yet to do, I would like for you to consider electing me as your Academic Senate Vice-president of Academic Affairs. I believe that the Senate is poised to do great things in the coming years and I want to make sure that I am a part of that and will do my best to contribute the most I can. I look forward to the privilege of our continued work together and sharing in the efforts for making Gavilan College the best learning environment our students deserve.

I will be at the election meeting to answer any questions you may have about my interest and/or qualifications for this position.

Vice President of Student Success:

- **Blanca Arteaga**

I am writing to officially submit my statement for Candidacy for Senate Vice President of Student Success (VPSS). I have served as Vice President of Academic Senate for over one year and have been a Senator for over two years. I have loved being part of the transformation that Senate is making and I want to continue being involved in that work. The changes we have made have been well-planned and will have a long-term impact for our faculty and our college as a whole. I therefore feel that it is my calling to continue to be involved in doing this important work. I currently play multiple roles at Gavilan College. I am currently an instructor, a counselor, and the advisor for the Associated Students of Gavilan College (ASGC). I am also serving on committees such as Equal Employment Opportunity, Student Services Council, and I also attend counseling department and ASGC meetings. The multiple roles I play at Gavilan College

combined with my committee involvement had prepared me well to serve as VPSS. I am looking forward to collaborating with Senate, faculty representatives on the multiple standing committees related to student success, reviewing and reporting student success documents, grants, etc., and continuing to engage in meaningful and impactful advocacy efforts, decision-making, and positive change. Thank for the opportunity to allow me to continue forming part of the Academic Senate family.

- **Andrew Delunas**

Dear Senators, I would like to announce my candidacy for the position of Academic Senate Vice President of Student Success. Student success has always been an integral part of my personal pedagogy and I am eager to learn how I can contribute to such success via the Senate. In particular, I want to contribute in any way I can to increase graduation and transfer rates. Thank you for your consideration.

Full-time Senator At-Large:

- **Gary Cribb**

I would like to resume my position as Full Time Senator at Large position. I believe that I have contributed many hours and ideas and have supported the Academic Senate for the last two years. I believe and support the Academic by laws and Constitution and its mission. I know that my contrition's in supporting the academic Senate have helped the entire campus and would like to continue in making a difference at Gavilan College.

- **Carla Velarde-Barros**

My name is Carla Velarde-Barros, M.S.W. and I am a counselor in the General Counseling department. I am writing to express my interest in running for Academic Senate's Full-time Senator at large position.

I began working at Gavilan as a part time counselor in the fall of 2011, and became a Full-time counselor in the CalWORKs program in the fall of 2014. Since returning to the General Counseling department, this time as FT counselor, in the spring of 2016 I have taken on increasing responsibilities. My work counseling, teaching GUID courses, participating on the Learning Council, as GCFA rep, and a member of the Equity committee has prepared me to advocate on behalf of our students and faculty. I believe concurrently serving on Academic Senate as well as Equity in fall 2017 will bridge a communication gap that may have existed this past year, thus providing an opportunity for greater collaboration which may increase our capacity for institutional change. I look forward to working with faculty and bringing a new energy to the Senate in order to continue the amazing work that has been accomplished these past few years. I hope you will consider me for this position and look forward to hearing from you.

Part-time Senator At-Large: No Candidates