

Rachel Polakoski *Running for VP of Academic Senate*



I am excited to run for Vice President of the Academic Senate at Cuyamaca College. With my background in academic leadership and commitment to student success, I am eager to support the Senate's mission to advocate for faculty, strengthen academic programs, and ensure decisions reflect the needs of our academic community.

As the Math Department Co-Chair, I oversee course scheduling and mentor faculty in creating an inclusive learning environment. I also co-chair the Outcomes & Assessment Committee, leading initiatives that promote data-driven, equity-minded improvements. In addition, I co-chair the Institutional Effectiveness Council, supporting efforts to improve institutional practices. These roles have equipped me to assist the Senate President, represent faculty concerns, and manage communication between committees.

My organizational skills, leadership experience, and commitment to collaboration make me confident in my ability to serve effectively as Vice President. As a former member of the Academic Senate, I understand the importance of keeping faculty informed about committee opportunities and being transparent in the appointment process. I am also well-versed in meeting protocols and will be an active participant in Academic Senate and Senate Officers Committee meetings.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve and contribute to the continued success of our college.