

Vice President:

Joshua Christ

Mt.SAC Faculty Association, I want to thank you for the trust you've given me over the past two years as your elected Vice President. Should you determine to re-elect me, I will continue to fight for our collective working rights, for equity throughout our contract for all faculty, and to hold the district accountable for their lack of transparency and retaliatory actions against members who seek to enforce the contract. We are in this together, and as the Vice President, you can count on me to represent you in our collective actions. Together we are stronger, together we can show Mt.SAC what Equity, Restorative Justice, and being Healing Centered really mean.

FA Treasurer:

No statements submitted

Full-Time Director:

Sandra Esslinger

The most important issue we face as faculty is maintaining our professional integrity, autonomy, power, and freedom to make educational decisions. Shared governance among faculty must be authentic, not performative, and the union is pivotal in making a meaningful difference. Together we are stronger.

I have served Mt. SAC as both adjunct and full-time faculty for 25 years. Over the past decade, I have been dedicated to improving salaries and health care for all faculty and have purposefully taken on leadership roles representing faculty interests and equity. I served as Lead Negotiator during the pandemic, FA Negotiating Team member, FA Director, Academic Senate, Art History Department Chair, CCA Legislation and Advocacy, and Health and Welfare Committee. I have defended academic freedom & intellectual property, fought "work creep," and supported colleagues with accommodations and grievances. As Director, I will champion faculty empowerment and improved working conditions.

Dave Mrofka

Thank you for considering me as an FA Director 2026-2028. Since 2011, I've been a Geology Professor in the Natural Sciences Division. I have served on the scholarship Committee and the Student Conduct Board for many years, and on the FA's Negotiation Team going on five years. I enjoy my involvement in the Faculty Association and look forward supporting all my colleagues and have enjoyed sharing perspectives from those in my division. Some issues that are important to me are preserving part-time and full-time faculty rights,

improving working conditions for our adjuncts, and soliciting widespread input from faculty to guide the negotiations process. Feel free to reach out and share what matters to you and thank you!

Shireetha Gethers

Having spent the last four years as a member of the faculty association representative council, I have come to understand the importance and value of contributing to the campus community. More specifically, the academic union and community that has been created for faculty. I am eager to take on the role as Full-Time Director and to serve on behalf of faculty at Mt. San Antonio College representing the ongoing needs and interests of each one of us in areas such as salary, benefits and general representation in critical campus conversations. I am currently doing so by serving on our local governance committee and attending union focused conferences, workshops and trainings in an effort to stay informed on issues affecting staff, students and our local surrounding community. I greatly appreciate your vote for Full-Time Director. I am committed to connecting with faculty across campus and am looking forward to serving.

Part-Time Director:

P. Gayle Watkins

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Your vote allows me to bridge gaps, ensure voices/needs of those impacted are centered in policy decisions. I will gather anti-equity talking points while reinforcing narratives of justice/solidarity that guides discussions/encourage debates and demand actions that promote equity, inclusion, and change.

I will be the voice for those who believe their voice is silenced. I look forward to bridging this gap where faculty are valued and respected. I will fight for what is right, making sure the playground is equitable and one day equal.

Ellen Straw

My name is Ellen Straw. I've served on the FA Executive Board and as an FA and AFAC representative--and helped part-time faculty obtain access to the Student Health Center. I was also a FA co-organizer who worked to increase adjunct membership, and I helped repair the Rehire Rights list to make it accurate and

fair. I've attended CCA and CTA conferences, spoken up at Board of Trustees meetings for all faculty, and received a WHO award from Service Center One. I assist adjuncts with filing for unemployment benefits and have guided them through grievances and disputes—and I'm the Plaintiff for Mt. SAC adjuncts in the John Martin v. California Community Colleges case. As a Part-Time Director with experience, knowledge, and tangible accomplishments, I will fight for all faculty, especially those who deserve more substantial representation and a louder voice. I humbly request your vote. Thank you.

Felix Jollevet II

My name is Dr. Felix Jollevet II, and I am honored to run for Part-Time Director and At-Large Adjunct Representative. In this era of increasing uncertainty, we need leadership that pairs empathy with advocacy and principle with practical action. My goal is to serve with transparency, sound judgment, and an open ear for the concerns and ideas of faculty across our campus. I am committed to strengthening communication between faculty and leadership, supporting the professional dignity of all faculty, and helping ensure that our collective voice remains respected in institutional decision-making. As a political science professor, I teach students daily about institutions, governance, and the importance of principled leadership in shaping meaningful change. Those same commitments inform my approach to service. My work in Academic Senate has further deepened my understanding of shared governance and collaborative institutional leadership.

Service Center One:

Kenneth Lambright

Looking forward to being your voice at the Service Center One Council. I have been an Adjunct Professor in the math department at Mt San Antonio College for over 40 years. I have also an active member of the FA, CCA, NEA, and CTA. I believe it is important to represent all members of the Faculty Association both full time and part time. To do this it is important to collaborate with other Community College at the Service Center One Council. I will make sure to represent the concern of all members of the FA at Mt Sac. Please vote for me. Thanks

FACCC Governor for Contract 2026-2027:

No statements submitted

NEA Representative Assembly:

Eric Kaljumägi

I ask for your vote to represent the Mt. SAC FA at the 2027 NEA Representative Assembly (NEARA). I am currently the sole higher education member from California on the NEA Resolutions Committee, which drafts positions for possible adoption at the NEARA. I am also one of two Mt. SAC faculty on the CTA State Council, which is similar to the NEARA but for state-level matters.

I have over twenty years of experience as a union advocate, having served as our college's Faculty Association President and as the statewide Community College President. Over these years, I served on fifteen different committees as a union representative, and I currently serve as the sole higher education member on CTA's Retirement Committee.

I look forward to representing our faculty while debating the over one hundred business items at this July's Assembly. Please elect me to another term for the 2027 NEARA!

Joshua Christ

Mt.SAC Faculty Association Colleagues, I humbly ask for your vote to be a part of our Mt.SAC delegation to the NEA Representative Assembly in 2027. With your support I will be sure to make the higher education voice heard at the state caucus meetings and throughout RA, as we continue the national fight towards equal pay for equal work, representation within our national affiliate, and the "One Job Should Be Enough" campaign. Higher Education is the only area of Education that is consistently growing across the nation. We know that our students are not just the 18 and 19 year olds finishing secondary, but also those continuing their education and learning new skills for an ever changing job market. We are higher education, and our issues are NEA issues.

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Marina McLaughlin

The National Education Association (NEA) Representative Assembly (RA) is the largest democratic gathering in the country, where more than 7,000 delegates meet to set union policies, adopt the budget, and determine the organization's legislative agenda. As an educator who is passionate about higher education and workers' rights, I respectfully ask for your vote to serve as your representative at this important annual meeting. At this convention, I am particularly interested in ensuring strong representation of the diverse communities within our state and local. Representation matters, especially in spaces where decisions directly impact educators and the students we serve. It would be my honor to represent you at this national assembly.

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Adjunct At-Large Representatives:

Grace Kim

I am running for election to Faculty Association (FA) at Large Adjunct Representative. I am a college ESL Instructor with over twenty-nine years of experience teaching adult and academic English learners in Southern California. I hold a master's degrees in Linguistics and TESOL certificate

specializes in advanced academic writing, speaking, and critical thinking. I am a lifelong educator who professional interests include equity work, language acquisition, and advancing faculty development. I will advocate for all faculty, create comfortable working conditions, and equity work. Please vote to Grace Kim for FA at Large Adjunct Representative.

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Anna McKennon

I have been a member of the Adjunct Faculty at Mt. SAC for over 19 years. I have consistently participated in Professional Development and multiple CTA and CCA Conferences. I spent 25 years in Business Management as a Consultant, specializing in Employee-Employer Relations and OSHA training. I am familiar with California State Labor Laws, which aids in my understanding of current issues faced by faculty, especially part-time faculty. During my recent terms as an Adjunct representative, I have been active in sharing personal knowledge and advice regarding the grievance process, specifically focused on contract violations perpetuated upon adjunct faculty. I recently worked to uncover the major errors on the Adjunct Rehire/Seniority List, which have negatively impacted class assignments for senior adjuncts, as well as adjunct retirement process. If reelected, I will continue working on correcting inequities facing Adjunct Faculty and work to increase representation for Adjuncts in the Faculty Association.

Ellen Straw

As an Adjunct At Large Representative (a position I've held before), I'll continue to represent PT faculty at FA meetings and events and at Board of Trustees meetings, where I often speak about our issues. I've also served on the FA executive board and on AFAC, helped part-time faculty obtain access to the Student Health Center, and was a FA co-organizer, working to increase adjunct

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