



Kim Dudzik – Biology
(Academic Senate President candidate)

I have been teaching biology at Cuyamaca College for 15 years, and have spent the last year serving as your Academic Senate President. I am honored to run for a full term as Academic Senate President and am committed to bringing my knowledge and collaborative ideas to the table once again. During the last year, I have gotten to know the administrators at both colleges and at the district level, and have established good working relationships with them. Understanding that I am the voice of the Cuyamaca Faculty, I make sure I speak with faculty, ask questions, listen, and just make myself available to faculty. As that voice, I am willing to speak up for faculty at committee meetings and the Governing Board. Knowing that faculty don't always agree on issues, I work hard to gather as much evidence and information as I can about an issue, present it to the faculty, and help interpret the affects it may have on the institution and the faculty.

Other background information: classes taught include Organismal, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Physiology lecture and lab, Anatomy, Human Dissection and General Biology. During my time here, I have developed and implemented our Human Dissection course and Physiology lab. Over the years, I have demonstrated my ability to work collaboratively within the college and the community. I worked to help faculty, staff, administrators and the community to understand the ecological, legal, and practical issues related to the Cuyamaca Nature Preserve surrounding our college. Passionate about understanding nature, I have worked with department colleagues to bring high school and college students to the preserve to participate in research and conservation efforts, and have worked with colleagues from the Grounds Department to continue the eradication efforts of invasive plant species both within the preserve and on campus. In addition to my year as Academic Senate President, I have served on the Academic Senate, Sustainability Committee, Technology Planning Committee, Transfer Committee, Facilities Planning Committee, and Senate Officer's Committee, all of which have helped to develop a working knowledge of the college, while forming good relationships across campus.