

ACE COUNCIL FULL-TIME FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE - CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

MISSION COLLEGE

Ed Kleppinger (Incumbent)
Anthropology/Sociology Instructor

I am requesting the honor to represent the full-time faculty at Mission College on the ACE Executive Council. I have the experience, knowledge and skills that are required. The District is facing a challenging future. The Council needs experienced and knowledgeable representatives to guide the Union through the twists and turns that are sure to come.

Pat LaVallo
Mathematics Instructor

My name is Pat LaVallo and I would like to apply for the Mission College full-time faculty representative position. I was hired as a full-time Mathematics Instructor in Fall 2001 and received tenure in April 2005. From 2002 to 2007 I served on the Academic Senate. I think my greatest strengths are my ability to communicate effectively, to get along with others, and to focus on issues and keep emotions aside. I imagine the upcoming years will be demanding times for our district, especially in light of the HBA fiasco. I want to make sure faculty are not punished for this mess and that we hold the administration accountable. The Mission College faculty is a pleasure to work with, and is an amazingly dedicated group of individuals. If elected to ACE, I will work hard to assist the ACE council in advancing the interests of all full-time faculty in our district.

WEST VALLEY COLLEGE

LeAnn McGinley (Incumbent)
Assessment, Student Services Division

I am seeking reelection as a WVC representative to the ACE Council. My expiring term was a partial one of less than two years as I was elected to complete a term vacated by a resignation. During my term, I have gained greater knowledge about the contract and its application, actively contributed to discussions about negotiations, participated in the revision of the ACE constitution and bylaws and the development of several faculty surveys, and attended all WVC forums. I have voiced opinions in Council meetings that represented concerns of individual ACE members and the membership at-large. While ACE decisions have not always gone the way of my vote, I am confident that I can continue to contribute positively to the ongoing efforts of the Council. My continued dedication to ACE members is also evidenced by my three-year term on the Sabbatical Leave Committee, two years as chair.

Leslie Saito-Liu
English Department

During my eleven years at WVC, I have demonstrated my ability to communicate effectively; to work individually and/or collaboratively to problem solve, set goals/expectations, and complete tasks; and to listen to and advocate on behalf of students and faculty. As your representative, I would:

- Recommend a regular review of our constitution and bylaws to ensure that our union's structure and actions reflect the current faculty's wishes
- Propose union leadership training sessions to encourage overall faculty participation and readiness to serve as council members or in appointed positions
- Actively reach out to faculty for suggestions and ideas through visits to department/division meetings, email and telephone correspondence, and office hours scheduled specifically for faculty to discuss their concerns.

I believe that open dialogue, criticism, and participation are necessary for faculty voices and ideas to be more fully represented in our contract, in our constitution, and by our leaders.