

I strongly urge you to vote in this week's academic senate runoff election, and I ask you to join me in voting for CYNTHIA LEE-KLAWENDER for vice-president.

Cynthia has two years of experience as an effective senate vice-president. She is a serious, thoughtful, dedicated faculty colleague who understands the importance of supporting faculty rights and responsibilities and who knows how "things work" at the college and beyond. As a former senate president I know what it takes to perform effectively as a senate officer... and I believe strongly that Cynthia is the candidate who has what it takes to do this.

The other candidate is one of the SLO coordinators who, as I understand it, already has significant released time to work on that important and serious project. This raises two significant concerns for me:

1. Being a senate officer requires a tremendous investment of time and effort in the work of the senate. The work of SLO coordinator also demands a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication. I do not believe that it is reasonable to expect a person to do both jobs effectively.
2. I have concerns about the ability of any person whose job it is to promote the SLO agenda to also act with impartiality as a senate officer.

We have just elected a new senate president. I congratulate him on his win and wish him a very successful term as our president. However, as a past senate president I am deeply concerned that faculty might be represented by an inexperienced president AND vice-president during this very difficult and challenging time. I believe that the new senate president will need to rely on the experience and judgment of those with experience representing faculty... and Cynthia is the candidate with that experience.

The recent election for senate president was decided by a very small number of votes. This makes the the importance of YOUR vote in this runoff election even more important than usual. I urge you to find time to vote at the college mail room on Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

Please vote for Cynthia Lee-Klawender.

Thank you.

Dan Mitchell