

*FACT Letter of Interest 2019-2020 Academic Year*

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It is an honor to apply to join the FACT for the 2019-2020 Academic Year. As I enter year three as residential faculty in the Business/IT division at PVCC, I reflect on all that we as faculty have experienced over the past few years from the ending and temporary reinstatement of the RFP to votes of no confidence and settlement agreements, and know that these are precarious times during which I can bring a fresh faculty perspective and make a difference. With extensive professional and life experiences, I know how to work effectively in a collaborative environment and believe I have the skills and drive necessary to be a successful member of the committee from day one.

What do I bring to the table?

I am a licensed attorney (in Washington and Arizona) holding a Juris Doctor from Seattle University School of Law, a Master's degree in English (emphasis technical writing) from Northern Arizona University, a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Arizona State University, and an Associate's degree in Public Administration from Rio Salado College. As an attorney, my practice has centered on supporting businesses with formation, protecting intellectual property portfolios, and creating and negotiating contracts. Much of my work continues to focus on collaborating with boards of directors to write bylaws, revise organizational constitutions, and research and implement best practices and policies. Particularly relevant to the work the FACT is charged with, I have been instrumental in helping organizations identify and mitigate employment issues as well as negotiate compromises and plans of action amongst stakeholders using a solutions-based structure similar to the Interest-Based Problem Solving framework.

Also, with eight years of experience teaching at the college level, first as an adjunct and now as residential faculty, I specialize in teaching the law, helping students understand complex legal issues in order to empower them to be informed contributors to society and to ask tough questions while finding creative and constructive solutions.

Why this opportunity?

My experience speaks volumes and will be a major asset in supporting the FACT's work, including researching, negotiating, and modifying the Whistleblower Protection Policy as well as Academic Freedom and Free Speech protections as agreed upon in the Faculty Executive Council and Governing Board Settlement Agreement. I am excited about this opportunity and am confident that I can be a fully present, productive, and dedicated committee member. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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