

## **PREFACE FOR SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE/COMMUNITY**

October 28, 2023

I have served the college by representing the Steamboat Campus as college-wide faculty senator both last year, 2021-2022, and this year, 2022-2023. This year I am the senator from my campus that takes the notes at the college-wide meetings, and presents it to my campus senate meetings. One of the big undertakings this year is faculty contracts. We are pushing for an earlier contract or for Letter of Intent sent out in January. There is a lot of pushback for this approach from Administration, due to confusion about whether it could be seen as an actual contract. Since then, I have signed onto performing as a college-wide senator for two additional years: 2023-2024, and 2024-2025.

I am also currently on a college-wide Faculty Senate subcommittee, called the In-Service Committee. We are currently revisiting the In-Service structure for faculty to make improve it, and streamline it for more effectiveness. We will work with Kathryn Regjo to facilitate a better product.

I have also signed up to be a Sabbatical Reviewer for a colleague.

I attended a Trauma-Informed Pedagogy workshop in January of 2022 organized by Leslie Gumbrecht. After attending this workshop, I feel I have a better understanding of more of my students. It has helped me have empathy for them, and I have implemented some of the techniques to better reach the broader student population.

In April of 2020, I served on an academic misconduct committee for a specific student. It was a success, with a definitive outcome at the end. I had feedback that being one of two faculty members on the committee helped to secure the faculty position related to academic misconduct. I served on another one for a math related incident in Salida in Fall of 2022, also with a definitive outcome.

I served on the Steamboat Campus DEI committee in 2018-2018 (still after last promotion).

For community service, I have been volunteering for a dog rescue organization called Polaris Alaskan Malamute Rescue. I conduct home visits for prospective adoptees to make sure they are the right home environment for a dog. I also conduct adoptions, where we meet in a neutral place, and I introduce them to their new dog. I have been doing this for many years through present day. This fall, I was very involved with the Polaris rescue in conjunction with the Steamboat Springs Humane Society on a case involving two Malamutes, and two children. The outcome was not preferred, but I spent a lot of time and energy working with the community, including the Routt County Sherriff's Department to resolve this issue.

I helped out with a Karaoke night in November of 2019 for YVAP (Yampa Valley Autism Program), in the CMC dining hall for some additional community service. We had some CMC students and other members of the community in the program to participate and watch karaoke during dinner. This event was a huge success. Many people came out from both the Steamboat campus and the community at large. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and a great benefit to our campus population and the autistic community.

