

VP Candidate: Adam Deutsch

My name is Adam Deutsch, and I'm interested in serving as the Vice President of the Academic Senate here at Grossmont.

I've been working on this campus since 2009, and have been a senator, representing the English Department, since getting hired full-time in 2019. It's a body where I've collaborated with my colleagues, made friends, and have been honored to contribute to important work we do for the benefit of our colleagues, students, and the larger community we serve. In the last 5 years (give or take a few months) I've been on the senate's election committee, and have served on numerous hiring committees. And, while sometimes I rise only to tell folks about Literary Arts events or Bike Anywhere Day (events I co-coordinate), other times I've been given the space to be able to voice ideas, advocating for access and policies that support our students, part-time faculty, and the campus across divisions.

If it helps to know, I have some experience that's valuable to bring into the role of vice president. I have a history of service on the community planning group in Normal Heights, a neighborhood advisory board to the City of San Diego, where I held the position of secretary for six years. That time on a public board came with a lot of experience with parliamentary procedures, Robert's Rules, and the Brown Act. Some of the conversations we have in senate also remind me of my time in graduate school at Hofstra University, where I had a position on campus that put me in charge of maintaining the dorms where 4,400 students lived on campus. A crew under my direction was directly responsible for maintaining furniture, and I communicated with the trades in Facilities to manage other work in ways that were efficient, equitable, so students could live comfortably and safely in their academic environment. With the challenges we consistently face here at Grossmont with the upkeep of our own physical spaces, I often recall that time, and would love to bring my experience into more of the conversations that come before the senate.

The role of the vice president is to support the president of the Academic Senate, and I'm excited to provide that support. Once upon a time, I heard lots of conversations around Grossmont about the need to contribute to the campus beyond our classrooms and our departments. That's what brought me to, and has kept me in the senate for all these years. I also love all that we learn in that space about the various developments that shape our professional lives. It's challenging work we engage in, and it often goes overlooked and unappreciated. As you might be able to tell from my decades of dedication to Poetry (of all things), I rarely do things for which people are excited or grateful. Nevertheless, the service is vital, and I'm here for it.

For a while now, I've been your colleague; many of us have become friends; to a few of you, I've even been a student (here's my \$2). I'd be honored to step up to be your vice president in the Academic Senate.