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I feel extremely honored to have been nominated for the position of Vice Chair of the Faculty Assembly at the University of Washington Tacoma. In what follows, I offer a brief overview of my qualifications for this position, and outline some of the key ways that I would like to prioritize my service to the faculty body at UWT in the coming years.

I am nearing the end of my fifth year as an Assistant Professor at the University of Washington Tacoma. During my time here, I have quickly embraced the service-oriented spirit of this campus. While I have sought out many service opportunities in my home unit of SIAS, I have also had the opportunity to serve on the campus level in several ways. I have served on the Faculty Affairs Committee for three years (2016-2019) and on the Executive Council of the Faculty Assembly for the past academic year. Over the past year, I have also served as the co-interim Director of the new Legal Pathways Initiative, working under the supervision of Jill Purdy as EVCAA and Ali Modarres as the new Assistant Chancellor for Community Engagement. In addition to serving in these campus-wide roles, as a political scientist and public policy specialist, I also have a long history of working on campus-wide policy, dating back to my time in graduate school at the University of Connecticut, where I helped write and introduce policy around breastfeeding to comply with the requirements of the Affordable Care Act. Finally, since my time at UWT, I have actively fostered relationships with senior faculty whom I consider to be mentors. My experience and the support of my colleagues make me well prepared to take on this leadership role.

While I believe I am qualified to take on the role of Vice Chair of the Faculty Assembly, it is my passion for enhancing the faculty voice at UWT that best positions me for the work of faculty leadership in shared governance. As your Vice Chair and Chair of Faculty Assembly, I would work hard to ensure that all faculty voices are heard as part of the shared governance process. I have experience working with administration, and value and respect their role and leadership at UWT. As a faculty leader, I would prioritize the faculty perspective while maintaining a collaborative and open relationship with administration. I feel that faculty can and should take a leadership role on this campus on important issues impacting students, such as improving diversity and equity on our campus. As a faculty leader, I would work to mobilize faculty and administration to take greater strides toward improving campus climate and enhancing the social justice mission of UWT. I would also continue the important work of clarifying and building faculty policy at a time of significant campus change.

As your Vice Chair, you would find me to be approachable, honest, and respectful of all points of view. I have a reputation as a thoughtful listener and collegial partner. I sincerely hope to have the opportunity to serve alongside the current Faculty Assembly leadership and to join their ranks in working for a better UWT.