

Hello friends,

My name is Cooper. I am a senator serving the associated students of Merritt College, and I am currently running for Student President. I wish to represent my platform as one focused on communication, creative thinking, proactive involvement, and service to my fellow students above all else. The strongest values of my platform are (again) communication, community, equity, accessibility, empowerment, and service to one another.

It is my greatest joy to be of service and do what I can to make a difference in the world around me. It is also my greatest pride to study here at Merritt as a part of our proud history and community. I hope to earn the position of president so I can expand my ability to serve and make a difference in the lives of students of Merritt College.

As your Senator and representative, it is my sworn duty to represent your voice, communicate your needs, and endeavor to support or improve all areas of your college experience. As president, I would take that responsibility to the next level by investing all the time, experience, skills, and unique ideas I have at my disposal. It is my promise to the Students of Merritt College, that I will work to revolutionize the level of communication at Merritt College by coming directly to YOU the students for opportunities to share your feedback, needs, or voice your truth.

Many of us are spread thin and barely have the time to breath between classes and life, which can make it very hard for students to get involved with their school or influence its changes over time. Yet the school needs more feedback and involvement to better serve its students and understand their needs. It is my belief and personal mission to bridge the gap in these communications by investing a great deal of my own time and energy into coming directly to the students all over campus to hear your thoughts, rather than leave you to find the time to do the leg work or search for where to go and who to talk to when you have something to express.

I have an extensive records, references, and skills in community service, advocacy, volunteering, outreach services, event planning, mediation/diplomacy, activism, as well as general duty and dedication to the communities around me. Here at Merritt I have collaborated to host voter registration events, to develop a resource network for our students, as well as to sew and distribute facemasks for local healthcare workers. I am working to gain support and approval for a community webinar where all can join in while we discuss and educate our students on various forms of aid and resources around us that have sprung up to support us through the Covid-19 Crisis.

It is my deepest hope that I will earn the votes of my peers, thusly earning the seat of president. I am typically used to working in more supportive positions in the background, preferring anonymity to attention. It is no wish for a title or status that has led me to campaign, but rather my deepest hopes of seeing the biggest difference possible made for all of us, and my deepest belief that I have the dedication and the abilities best suited to make it happen.

Thank you for your time and support!

Sincerely,

ASMC Senator Cooper.