

Candidate Statement of Interest to Serve as Faculty-At-Large Member on the SJSU Executive Committee

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I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on the Academic Senate at San José State University and am honored to have been nominated for consideration as a Faculty-At-Large member on the Executive Committee.

I believe my participation on the Executive Committee would bring unique and valuable perspectives as my teaching, research, and community engagement keep me on the pulse of many of the most current issues in education policy and practice. While I am laser attuned to education issues locally, my research also extends to state and national initiatives, and allows a rare lens in seeing how challenges in other regions are now taking hold here in California. Topics that I study include the the psychology of learning and motivation, the privatization of public education, and the integration of technology into learning spaces.

Over the past 12 years, I have taught in the Department of Teacher Education and more recently, this past semester joined the faculty in the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership. Since 2016, I've served as the Education Chair of the San Jose Silicon Valley NAACP and am active in many community initiatives including the Strong Start and School Climate/Leadership Committees at the Santa Clara County Office of Education and the Santa Clara County Juvenile Justice Systems Collaborative. While my initial published research has focused on school climate and integration of violence prevention efforts within the K12 system, I've also seen uncanny parallels in the ways these policies and practices bridge into higher education.

While it may not be apparent now how current technological trends will impact learning in the long run, I believe it's extremely important to pay close attention to nuanced and critical perspectives on the emergence of big data, predictive analytics, machine learning, and artificial intelligence – all trends that are poised to impact not just our work at SJSU, but our lives beyond the campus. I care deeply about sustaining and strengthening the human connection in teaching and learning, and believe that if SJSU is truly going to be a leader in Powering Silicon Valley, that we'll need to be intentional about efforts to strengthen inter-disciplinary perspectives to integrate health, human development, social justice, and ethical practice at the core of innovations.

I humbly ask for your support in voting for me to serve as the Faculty-At-Large member on the Executive Committee and look forward our continued work together.