

Statement of Interest for Associate Vice Chair/Chair of Committee on Committees
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In the fall, I will begin my 4th term as a member of the Academic Senate and for the last two years, I have served as the AVC/Chair of Committee on Committees. I have also served on O&G, Professional Standards, the University Library Board, and as the Faculty-at-Large on the Senate Executive Committee. I am very interested in continuing to serve as AVC for another year. I enjoy helping with Senate recruitment and feel that I have been effective in my role given that the majority of seats for committees are filled and seats that open mid-term are refilled according to policy fairly quickly. Last year, we shifted the date when committee seats go at large so that we can get unfilled seats filled in a more timely manner at the start of the year for improved committee effectiveness. I also very much enjoy assisting the Senate Chair at our regular meetings and feel that I have been able to make edits rapidly from the floor and in general have been able to follow along with the projected documents in a way that's clear and helpful to our discussions. I have demonstrated over the past two years that I have the organizational skills, the energy, and the interpersonal skills needed to serve the senate in this capacity; I hope that you agree and that you have been happy with my work thus far. I also have learned that the AVC is an incredibly complicated role—one that could benefit from having some consistency. It took one term as AVC to learn the job; in my second year, I created a spreadsheet that facilitates looking up the rules for making regular or mid-term placements per committee, as many are unique. This coming year, I would like to continue to develop clear process for committee chairs regarding sudden vacancies and to fine-tune work with the Committee on Committees given recent structural changes.

I am currently Full Professor of Creative Arts and Humanities in my twelfth year on campus. I am also up for reelection for a second term as Chair of the Humanities Department. I care very deeply for San José State University—like many of our own students, I am the first person in my family to graduate from college. I would be very grateful for an opportunity to continue to do more for the students, staff, and faculty at this institution and I believe my work on Senate leadership provides me with such an opportunity.