

Candidate: Winifred Schultz-Krohn, Professor and Chair of Occupational Therapy

Statement for position: Associate Vice Chair of the Academic Senate

I have served on the Academic Senate for several years and during this past summer I served as the Faculty at Large and as the Interim Associate Vice Chair on the Executive Committee. I would be honored to serve as the Associate Vice Chair for the upcoming Academic Year.

Service to the campus community has been a major focus of my past 20 years at San Jose State, whether serving/chairing departmental and college committees, the Program Planning committee, serving on the WASC Task Force charged with addressing the Meaning of the Degree that developed the University Learning Goals (fondly referred to as ULGs), and working with previous Senator Marc d'Alarcao and AVP/Senator Pamela Stacks on developing the Sense of the Senate resolutions on research.

But what makes me qualified to pursue this position? In various committees, across all levels of the campus community, there seem to be three elements needed to be a successful and productive committee member: be focused, be willing to work, and listen carefully to others. These are skills I possess and continually work to further develop. My ability to focus is derived from a need to be productive and yet this is balanced with viewing the issue within a larger context of the entire institution. My willingness to work is closely linked with my need to complete a project instead of having a project linger for years without resolution. To meet this goal, I search for and then examine available information so I am well prepared to complete a task. I also make a conscious effort to listen carefully to the opinions of others. Although I am not hesitant to offer an opinion when needed, listening to others provides additional information that can be merged with other sources to make an informed decision. This is particularly important in matters discussed in the Academic Senate. As a Senator, I prepare brief notes before each meeting and for many years I distributed these notes throughout the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. This was extra work but it not only informed the college I represented but also provided a means for the college to contact me if concerns arose regarding resolutions.

As the Chair of the Occupational Therapy Department I successfully guided the department through the external accreditation visit last year where evidence was provided for 190 national standards. I have served as Chair of the American Occupational Therapy Association Commission of Continuing Competence and Professional Development where professional position papers were developed and presented to the occupational therapy membership for review. This dedication and willingness to work will be skills brought to the Academic Senate Executive Committee if I am elected as Associate Vice Chair. I respectfully ask for your support for this position.

Sincerely,
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