

Statement of Interest for Associate Vice Chair/Chair of Committee on Committees
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I am passionately committed to the ideals of shared governance as embodied by this Academic Senate and to the preservation of those ideals, and I seek to extend my service to the Senate as Associate Vice Chair and Chair of Committee on Committees if I am not elected Vice Chair. I believe that my relationships inside and outside the Senate will enable me to engage in effective Senate recruitment and organization and to provide skilled assistance to the Senate Chair and to this body as a whole.

2019-2020 will mark my 18th year at SJSU, first as a part-time lecturer and then, more recently, as a full professor in the Department of Film and Theatre. My time at this university has been characterized by service at the department, college, and university levels, as is true of any senior faculty member, but service has also been a chosen focus of my career and leadership in a range of different organizational capacities and contexts. Among other roles, I have served as past Vice President of the SJSU chapter of CFA, during which I was Chair of Membership and Organization, and I am currently a Delegate-at-Large to the CFA Statewide Assembly (both are elected positions and involve considerable outreach, people skills, and effective support of chapter and state officers). Earlier in my career, I received the College of Humanities and Arts' Outstanding Service Award for my role in bringing a measure of stability and calm to the College during an unfortunate high-level effort to join three unwilling departments. Indeed, that experience and the subsequent undoing of a poorly conceived and implemented merger allowed me to witness firsthand the hard work of the Academic Senate during O&G hearings and to consider running for the Academic Senate myself once I had completed my RTP process.

For the past two years I have served on Professional Standards under Senator Peter's skilled leadership and guidance. During my term, I have learned a great deal in committee and on the Senate floor about Senate history and procedures, the issues and policies that fall under the purview of the different policy committees, and their relationships to each other. I would be honored to serve the Senate further in the capacity of Associate Vice Chair/Chair of Committee on Committees and to work even more closely with my administrative, faculty, staff, and student colleagues in the Academic Senate.

Thank you for your time and consideration.