

## **Statement of Interest – Associate Vice Chair/Chair, Committee on Committees**

**Reiko Kataoka, Senior Lecturer**

Dear Colleagues,

My name is Reiko Kataoka, and I am a lecturer in the Linguistics & Language Development department. I am putting forward my name to serve as Associate Vice Chair of the Senate.

Although I am a relatively new senator, I have gained knowledge and experiences necessary to serve as Associate Vice Chair from the current Policy Committee work and other leadership roles I have taken at the campus. As a senator, I have served in the Organization and Governance Committee this year and learned charges and functions of different committees as well as delegation and delineation of authority within the Senate. On the leadership roles, I served as the Secretary (2019-20), Vice Chair (2020-21), and the Chair (2021-22) of SJSU Lecturers' Council, during which I have gained experiences in leading the board meetings, coordinating on matters regarding the Council's work, and organizing and conducting meetings in different modalities, both in an assisting role and as a Chair.

My philosophy on shared governance is characterized by the emphasis on shared authority, responsibility, and accountability as well as transparent and open communication. Sharing authority together with responsibility and accountability would be an effective way to empower members and allow them to perform at their best of ability. Transparent and open communication without fear of reprisal is a prerequisite of a truly meaningful and productive communication. If I am given an opportunity to serve as the Associate Vice Chair of the Senate, I will work at the best of my ability to help the Academic Senate to continue its cherished tradition of shared governance at its best form in any circumstances.

Finally but not least, I would like to express my appreciation to the current Senate leadership for the extraordinary work devoted to maintain the critical functions of the Senate despite a myriad of unforeseen challenges in the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As a new senator, witnessing such an exceptional resilience and professionalism has been both inspiring and humbling. I would like to be a part of the upcoming Senate leadership team to follow the footsteps of our strong leaders. Thus, I ask my fellow colleagues to vote for me as Associate Vice Chair. Thank you for your consideration.