

## Candidate Statement for ASCSU Executive Committee

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I respectfully submit my request for the position as an At-Large Representative on the Executive Committee. I have been involved in higher education for over three decades and in the CSU since 2000. I teach in the Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies, and have a long history of involvement in Ethnic Studies through the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies where I have held many elected offices. As a Sociologist I also have served in various roles in the American Sociological Association where I served as a member of the Committee on the Status of Race and Ethnic members, the Sociologists for Women in Society, and the founding chair of the Latina/o Section. Since arriving at SJSU I have engaged in service focusing on equity and making efforts to move beyond inclusion and the use of the term diversity which obscures race/ethnic issues and people. One group I have advocated for throughout is undocumented students regardless of their country of origin. I was honored by my campus with the Distinguished Service Award in 2014, and the CSU Wang Family Faculty Award for Exceptional Service in 2019. I have been a campus senator since 2015 and on the ASCSU for two years. As an At-Large Representative I wish to continue to support the good work of the senate on behalf of students, faculty and staff and in particular the work of the AEDI, Ethnic Studies, and the post-pandemic CSU with a greater commitment to action for equity, compassion, and ethical decisions for improvement of our quality of life. I do not take for granted that I will be re-elected to the ASCSU. I want to encourage true recruitment of new senators from all groups, statuses, and interests. That means that we must figure out how to arrive at a balance of experienced and new senators at all times. We are all surrounded by exceptional leadership and commitment by many of our CSU colleagues awareness and encouragement of their work must inform the way the ASCSU represents, acts, and is part of the transformative recruitment and inclusion of colleagues whom we do not yet know in the senate.