

Statement of Interest as Faculty-at-Large on the Executive Committee and University Library Board

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I would like to serve as Faculty-at-Large on the Executive Committee. I am a Professor (previous associate chair) in the Mechanical Engineering Department, and had served the Academic Senate for more than two terms (seven years from 2007 to 2014). I have also served nine most important university committees including Executive, Professional Standard, Organization & Government, Instruction & Student Affairs, and Sabbatical Leave Committees. I would like to utilize my experience to help our campus community move forward. In today's technology dominant era, my engineering background, especially in robotics and AI, would bring valuable insights to the committee. Imagine in 10 or 15 years, we will have robot advisors to help our students, we will have AI-based advisory board to provide our administrators with optimal solutions. Some of you may have known that I was one of the key contributors to implement e-SOTE and e-Dossier on campus. If you look at Policy, for example, F12-1, you would see "following (SOTE online) policy recommendation brought to the Senate by Senator Du" when I served as the chair of the ISA.

Since I joined SJSU in 2000 (22 years), I have experienced 9 University presidents – Stephen Perez, Mary Papazian, Susan Martin, Mohmmad Qayoumi, Don Kassing, Jon Whitmore, Paul Yu, Joseph Crowley, and Robert Caret; 6 Provosts: Vincent Del Casino, Andy Feinstein, Ellen Junn, Gerry Selter, Camen Sigler, and Marshall Goodman. Over the years, I see how the University changes under different leadership. Some are good, some, of course, are not appreciable. My goal is to help to create a productive, healthy and enjoyable teaching and learning environment while maintain high education standards and ethics.

If serving on the University Library Board, I would help to modernize our library and associate facilities, advocate for library funding through my strong connection with industry and professional society, and make search-engine more efficiently for our faculty, students and general public.

With my rich senator and university committee experience, dedication, enthusiasm, and my cutting-edge knowledge, I would be the best fit for this position. Thank you for your support.