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**Statement CSU Statewide representative on the Executive Committee**  
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Esteemed Senators, I respectfully seek the opportunity to serve as CSU Statewide Senate representative to the Executive Committee. I am thankful for the nomination to serve in this capacity as a conscientious voice representing students, faculty and staff.

I am honored to have won my bid for CSUAS and take it as recognition of my 19 years of experience at SJSU where I have been engaged in addressing equity for faculty, staff, and students in particular those of race/ethnic and immigrant extraction (especially undocumented). My service begins in my departments but extends to the 2 colleges which housed my department –the former College of Social Work and now the College of Social Sciences. I have served on the Program Planning Committee (co-chair with Professor Schultz-Krohn), a member of the COSS Curriculum, Research and Scholarship Committees, and also served on numerous search committees for campus leaders. I have engaged in curricular development in both GE, major and graduate studies introducing more than 8 courses for Chicana and Chicano studies which helped my department to create the strong Graduate Program it has become in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century to finally introducing a BA option for undergraduate students. I am especially proud of my role in two aspects of my teaching and advocacy – one as a member of the first cohort of our first year experience seminars (formerly known as MUSE) and second, my advocacy role that led to the official support of undocumented students and their families through the establishment of the UndocuSpartan Resource Center.

In my professional capacity, I have served as the founding chair of the Section on Latino Sociology in the American Sociological Association and was also elected representative to the Committees on the Status of Race and Ethnic People in the ASA as well as the Committee on the Status of Women in Sociologists for Women in Society. In the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies I have served in the role of Secretary, Chair, and currently hold the position of Executive Director. I have been part of the building of institutions in these roles and have proudly advanced gender, racial, sexual and student equity issues in both the American Sociological Association and the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies.

As a senator representing Social Sciences assigned to the Organization and Governance Committee I have participated in extensive policy overhaul under the leadership of our Chair, Bethany Shifflett. I continue to learn about the governance and representation aspects of the CSU, its departments and colleges. Although I was not appointed as a leader for the statewide Ethnic Studies committee, I have been involved in this arena as a Sociologist and Chicana and Chicano Studies when our efforts were grassroots and we met in people's homes to develop strategic plans to grow representation in various arenas beginning in the mid 1990's. I see Ethnic Studies a core field that speaks to demographic realities of our state and nation, and want to do more than see our institutions strive for "serving" designations (such as ANAPISI or HSI) without considering the best practices of

equity, integration, and inclusion. Our students will continue to be racially and ethnically diverse and we must take the challenge of meeting their needs and the needs of our communities in terms of workforce, leadership, and civic engagement. I am a strong supporter of the need to diversify the faculty and administration to meet the student body needs as well as the needs of California and the Nation as we move toward increasing majority minority recognition.

I seek this seat on the Executive Committee in my new role as ASCSU Senator-Elect to continue my role in building equity and access by bringing and taking our SJSU concerns to and from the ASCSU, the Executive Committee and our SJSU Senate. I am confident I will contribute to the equitable representation, dialogue, policy development and best practices for the next iteration of our CSU.

I respectfully request your vote to serve on the Executive Committee in our extraordinary mission of higher education. I bring a proven record of commitment beyond my department, my college, and the campus as I continue to work toward a true shared community with an honorable mission of service, accountability and commitment to shared governance through education.