

Michael Kaufman Candidate for Chair of Instruction & Student Affairs

I would like to be considered for a third year as Chair of the Instruction & Student Affairs Committee. I am currently Chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy, and I have 11 years experience on the Senate, including two years as Chair of Curriculum and Research, one year as Vice Chair, two years as Chair of the Senate, 1-1/2 years as Chair of O&G, and the last two years as chair of Instruction and Student Affairs. I&SA is the largest of the policy committees, with a twenty person membership comprised of students, faculty, administrators from academic and student affairs, and an alumni representative. We had a very productive year on the committee. Some of our notable achievements include:

- New final exam policy that clarified when exams can be administered and also reaffirmed faculty and department rights to administer appropriate culminating experiences.
- New policy on continuous enrollment for graduate students with only thesis to finish, which allows those students to attend for far less than if they were enrolled in regular session.
- Codification of existing rules on revalidation of lapsed graduate courses.
- New policies on priority registration (to support California Promise) and Honors (to include interdisciplinary course sequences) are expected to be complete this spring.

After two years on I&SA, I am more than ever convinced that our Academic Senate structure, with broad student, faculty and administrative representation, is the one which brings about the fairest and most well-considered results. I&SA is the embodiment of this structure, with especially strong student representation. I would be honored to serve another year in this role that is so central to the lives of SJSU students.