

**Statement from Senator Roxana Marachi,
Candidate for Associate Vice Chair of the Academic Senate**

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served this past year on the Academic Senate and as Faculty-At-Large on the Executive Committee and honored to have been nominated for consideration as Associate Vice Chair of the Academic Senate.

Over the past 12 years, I have taught in the Department of Teacher Education and last year, also joined the faculty in the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership. My time at SJSU has allowed for many valuable opportunities to connect with colleagues across campus and to develop strong relationships in the process. One of the responsibilities of the Associate Vice Chair position would be to lead the Committee on Committees and engage in timely communication with colleagues about current and pending needs for service on our many university level committees. I believe I'm well qualified to serve in this role as I have strong organizational skills, have been an active and engaged member of our campus community, and have laser-focused attention to detail that would be necessary to be effective as Associate Vice Chair. Moreover, I'm interested and enthusiastic to serve in this capacity and will put forth my best effort to serve the Senate and University well.

Topics that I study include the psychology of learning and motivation, the privatization of public education, and the integration of technology into teaching and learning spaces. While I am closely attuned to education issues locally, my research also extends to state and national initiatives, and has offered a rare lens in seeing how challenges in many other education systems are now taking hold here in colleges and university systems in California. Each of these areas intersects in important ways with policies and practices that we will all be collectively shaping, and within key strands across our new strategic plan.

I hope to continue to be able to contribute to the Academic Senate leadership team, would deeply appreciate your vote to serve as Associate Vice Chair of the Academic Senate, and look forward our continued work together.