

Statement of Interest for Chair of ISA
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This coming academic year will mark my third term on the Senate. During the last two terms, I have served on O&G, Professional Standards, the University Library Board, and as the Faculty-at-Large on the Senate Executive Committee. In these various capacities, I have been a part of important discussions on topics such as intellectual property and the RTP process. I am currently an Associate Professor concluding a second year as Chair of the Dept. of Humanities and my 9th year as Coordinator of the Creative Arts Program at SJSU—I am up for promotion to Full Professor and have had positive reviews at every level thus far.

My work on Senate has been tremendously rewarding to me personally and professionally and I would very much like to serve as the Chair of the ISA Policy Committee. I am particularly interested in issues related to student affairs and instruction and have some prior experience on that side of the house, having served as the first Dean of Students at one of the top art colleges in the country, Maine College of Art (1998-2002). In that role, I worked closely with the Vice President for Enrollment Management to create the college's first Student Services Department, authored the institution's first ADA compliance policy, and created the Student Learning Center as well as the college's First Year Experience, which included a service learning component that was co-facilitated by a group of peer mentors. If I am not elected for the AVC position, serving as the Chair of ISA would be my second preference.

As I've stated before, I care very deeply for San José State University—like many of our own students, I am the first person in my family to graduate from college. I would be very grateful for an opportunity to do more for the students, staff, and faculty at this institution and I believe my work on Senate partly provides such an opportunity.