

Candidate: Winifred Schultz-Krohn, Professor and Chair of Occupational Therapy

Statement for position: Vice Chair of the Academic Senate

I have served on the Academic Senate for several years as a member of the Curriculum and Research Committee, as the Associate Vice Chair of the Academic Senate during AY 2016-2017, and the Chair of the Curriculum and Research Committee during AY 2017-2018. I would be honored to serve as the Vice Chair of the Academic Senate during AY 2019-2020. Service to the campus community has been a major focus of my past 20+ years at San Jose State, whether serving/chairing departmental and college committees, chairing the Program Planning committee, serving on the WASC Task Force that developed the University Learning Goals, serving as an Academic Senator, and as a department chair.

But what makes me qualified to pursue this position? In various committees, across all levels of the campus community, there seem to be three elements needed to be a successful and productive committee member: be focused, be willing to work, and listen carefully to others. These are skills I possess and continually work to further develop. My ability to focus is derived from a need to be productive and yet this is balanced with viewing the issue within a larger context of the entire institution. My willingness to work is closely linked with my need to complete a project instead of having a project linger for years without resolution. To meet this goal, I search for and then examine available information so I am well prepared to complete a task. I also make a conscious effort to listen carefully to the opinions of others. Although I am not hesitant to offer an opinion when needed, listening to others provides additional information that can be merged with other sources to make an informed decision. This is particularly important in matters discussed in the Academic Senate.

As the Chair of the Occupational Therapy Department, I successfully guided the department through the external accreditation visit in spring of 2016 where evidence was provided for 190 national standards. I served as Chair of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Commission of Continuing Competence and Professional Development where professional position papers were developed and presented to the membership for review and currently chair the AOTA Bylaws, Policies and Procedures Committee. This dedication and willingness to work will be skills brought to the Academic Senate Executive Committee if I am elected as Vice Chair of the Academic Senate. I respectfully ask for your support for this position.

Sincerely,
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