

Patricia Backer, College of Engineering

Nomination Statement

Faculty representatives to the Board of Trustees for the Selection of the President

I would like to be considered for election as a faculty representative. I have been a professor at San Jose State since 1990 and I have served on a wide range of department, college and university committees in this time. In my administrative roles as Chair of the Department of Aviation & Technology and Director of General Engineering, I have extensive experience in dealing with administrative issues and working to facilitate solutions. I am serving my fourth term on the Academic Senate and my fifth year as a member of the Senate Executive Committee.

SJSU needs a strong president who can work with faculty, staff and students to lead the university. We have an opportunity to take our university to a stronger and better position both in our local area as well as in the nation. I believe that choosing the right person as president can affect the environment at SJSU and help us work together for the future of our university.

I have extensive scholarly activities related to technology, teaching and learning both in engineering as well as in General Education. Since July 2010, I have been writing university-wide grants for the Office of the Provost so I have been able to interact with faculty and staff throughout the university. I believe my experiences would bring a unique perspective to the committee. If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at 408-924-3214 or by email at pat.backer@sjsu.edu.