

State of Interest: Camille Johnson, College of Business

I would like to serve on the Advisory Committee to the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President of San Jose State University. I am familiar with many different parts of campus, both in academic affairs and operations, and I have previously served on search committees.

I have a broad understanding of the needs, challenges, opportunities, and triumphs of SJSU. Through formal and informal means, I have come to know faculty and staff from across the campus. As a member of the African-American Student Success Task Force, I have come to know staff in student services, as well as the needs of the community. I as a member of the Dean's Leadership Academy, I got to know faculty from H&A, Education, and the MLK Jr. Library. Through an informal summer research group, I have become friends with faculty from COSS, CASA, and SCI. As a data analyst on Vision 2017, I personally attended over 25 townhall forums, and I read the transcripts of each forum multiple times, so I have heard the desires and concerns of the broader campus. I respect and understand the diversity of needs and perspectives at SJSU on a personal and institutional level. In addition, I currently serve as the Faculty Chair of the WASC Accreditation Steering Committee. I wrote the WASC Institutional Report that was submitted in August 2014 and I coordinated the team visit in Spring 2015. This role gave me exposure to all aspects of the university including finance, faculty development, teaching and learning, and shared governance. I chaired a steering committee comprised of faculty and staff representing all the major units of the university. I also became familiar with the larger context in which SJSU functions. As a member of the CSU, we are subject to directives issued by the Chancellor's office and those issued by California State Senate. As a member of the Silicon Valley community, we serve a diverse population and industries. And as an institution of higher education, we face a changing landscape of state funding, alternative institutions, and shifting education strategies. I am aware of the ways that these external factors influence the decisions made by SJSU.

I have served on several university-wide and departmental-level search committees and understand the requirements of serving on such a committee. I served on the search committee that resulted in the hiring of Andy Feinstein as deputy provost. On that committee, I worked with the search firm, participated in all interviews and deliberations regarding the candidates, and gained insight into the multiple stakeholders and concerns that must be considered when finding a leader for our institution. In addition, I served on the search committee that resulted in the hiring of a new Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Analytics while concurrently serving as the chair of the School of Management search committee for two positions. I understand the demands of the committee and am prepared to meet them.

The next president of SJSU will need to navigate complicated waters. My personal experiences and my demonstrated commitment to SJSU would make me an effective and successful member of the Advisory Committee to the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President.