

Statement of Interest
Chair, Professional Standards
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I would be pleased to continue work as Chair of the Professional Standards Committee for the 2013-14 AY.

Chairs of policy committees are responsible to see that their committee is productive in the modernization and creation of policy. Working with an excellent committee, I am proud of the work we have done this year in overhauling two major policies and consolidating and eliminating nearly two dozen obsolete policies along the way.

Next year, should you reelect me, our focus will be on the reform of the RTP policy. This year we have laid the foundation for reform, by collecting input from faculty and administration that helps to identify the many flaws in the current 15 year old document. I am running to Chair Professional Standards again, in part because I want to be sure we finish the job.

Policy Chairs also serve on the Executive Committee, which has gained importance in recent years as Administration has grown to rely on it for consultation. In that role I have attempted to maintain civil, collegial relations while at the same time being sure that faculty concerns are given a strong voice. It can at times be a difficult balance, but one which is made easier if we keep in mind that we sit in that committee not only as individuals with unique personalities, but as representatives with responsibilities to our constituencies.

Some of you reading this statement may be new to the Senate and may not know much about me. I first joined the Academic Senate in 1991. I have Chaired the Curriculum Committee, the Library Board, and Professional Standards Committee. I have Chaired the Academic Senate and served as a statewide academic senator. I have Chaired my department (Political Science). Currently I teach in Political Science and also in Humanities—spanning two colleges. I have served as the primary author of several dozen policies, reports, and resolutions for the Senate over the years.