

## **Laura Sullivan-Green, Candidate Statement Chair of the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee**

I welcome the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Instruction and Student Affairs (ISA) Committee. I have served on ISA since my election to the senate in 2014. In that time, I have gained an appreciation for the responsibilities of shared governance, the workings of the university, and the passion that the senators have for the health and welfare of this university. I believe in that mission and want to support this academic community. I have found the work undertaken by ISA to be vital to the operations of the university. ISA's dedication to educational equity, rights, and responsibilities is an area I am passionate about and feel I can contribute effectively and enthusiastically. In the past few years, ISA has examined many major policies that I believe affect the heart of SJSU, including clarifying the final exam policy by balancing student and faculty needs, updating the registration priority policy to ensure fair opportunity for course access, and detailing continuous enrollment for graduate students.

My experiences in the Senate and at SJSU have provided a strong foundation on which I can exercise my leadership skills, as well as effectively navigate policy development across constituencies, through service as chair of ISA. I have focused on developing administrative and leadership skills in the last few years by participating in the Deans' Leadership Academy and the Academic Affairs Leadership Discovery Group and taking on new challenges. I serve as the managing Project Director for a large Department of Education grant and am department chair of Civil and Environmental Engineering. I have served the university, college, and department in a number of ways, including on the Faculty Diversity Committee (UNIV), the Chief Diversity Officer Search Committee (UNIV), various Assessment Committees (UNIV, CoE, and Dept.), the Research Committee (CoE), and as a Program Coordinator (CoE, Dept.).

Thank you for your consideration,  
Laura Sullivan-Green