

Statement of Candidacy

Re-Election as Statewide Senate Representative from SJSU (and election to executive)

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I have been one of three statewide senators from SJSU to the academic senate of the CSU since 2002. I am currently serving an SJSU statewide senate term ending in May 2016 (just re-elected for a three year term). I seek re-election to the executive committee both because I believe that I have the depth of experience and perspective to continue to contribute meaningfully (served from 2005-2009 on executive). I anticipate remaining visible and active at both the local and statewide levels for the foreseeable future. My home college is the College of Social Science (Distinguished Service Award, 2009), my home department is the Department of Psychology (Full Professor).

At the departmental, college, and university levels my service spans program planning, curriculum, research, graduate studies, personnel selection, recruitment, and assessment. Many of you will know me if not through the senate then through my extensive involvement with the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board. I am one of the two principal undergraduate advisors for Psychology. Of the three statewide senators from SJSU, one of the three always is selected to sit on the SJSU academic senate executive committee. I have been the statewide senate representative to the SJSU executive committee for a total of four years (Judith Lessow-Hurley is the outgoing representative).

Somehow through all of this I have kept up an active research program variously focused on human performance limitations in dual-task decision-making, visual cognition (object recognition and representation), and, more recently, the three most active projects investigate the psychopharmacological work on the cognitive effects of alcohol, how the effects of alcohol combine with the effects of sleep deprivation, and a new project examining implicit biases against homosexuality (using a pictorial variant of a computerized Implicit Attitudes Test). Several of my undergraduate students are involved with the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) program.

At the state level, I have chaired of the Academic Affairs committee of the Academic Senate CSU and have previously served on the executive committee of the ASCSU for two years. Additionally, I am, or have been, closely involved in a variety of statewide curriculum and transfer/articulation initiatives including establishing policies surrounding the Ed.D., the Chancellor's GE Review Committee (currently chair), and the Commission on the Extended University. I have been the CSU segment lead for various inter-segmental transfer initiatives including the Inter-segmental Major Preparation Articulated Curriculum (IMPAC) project, the Lower Division Transfer Pattern (LDTP) Project, the C-ID course numbering system, SB 1440 implementation (with a side role as a campus facilitator) and have been involved with legislative lobbying efforts.