

## **Candidate's Statement for Patricia Backer, College of Engineering**

### **Chair, Instruction & Student Affairs**

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. I am fully committed to the ethos of shared governance at SJSU.

I would like to be considered for election to the position of Chair, Instruction & Student Affairs of the Academic Senate for the next academic year. For two years, I served as chair of the Organization & Government Committee and for one year I served as chair of Professional Standards. As chair of both committees, I have been able to participate in the Academic Senate Executive Committee and broaden my understanding of the workings of our university.

For the last few years, I have been fortunate to work on a grant writing team for the Office of the Provost to submit SJSU grants related to student success and faculty development. Assisting in writing these proposals has broadening my perspective of both SJSU and the importance of collaboration in achieving SJSU's goals. In particular, this experience has brought into focus the need for SJSU to develop and promote policies that allow students to succeed. As chair of this committee, I hope to work with faculty, student, and administrators in continuing SJSU's progress to achieve inclusive excellence for all students at SJSU.

Thanks

Patricia Backer