

Statement of interest
Chair – Instruction & Student Affairs Committee

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The past year has been tumultuous and complicated for our campus and everyone on it. During that time I have been a proud member of – and contributor to, in my own way – a unified Executive Committee that has led the way for the Senate to regain great respect in the campus community and beyond. Also, as incumbent chair of the I&SA Committee, I have shepherded through several important new policies (such as a much-needed reform of the Student Fairness Committee) as well as a Sense of the Senate Resolution on the distribution of SSTEf funds. However, I&SA is still at work on more new policies, and I would like to remain chair to complete that work.

I am currently finishing my ninth year at SJSU. In my time here, I have served seven and a half years as coordinator of the LLD 1 & 2 courses (developmental writing). From 2008 to 2011 I held another coordinator position – of the Master’s program in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) – and with that double coordinatorship I became widely acquainted with policies and practices throughout both undergraduate and graduate programs. In addition to my three terms on I&SA, I have served one year on the Organization & Governance committee. Also, away from the Senate, I have served on the university’s Writing Requirements Committee and several of my department’s (LLD’s) committees, including curriculum (which I chaired for three years), hiring (through three full-time and many part-time hiring processes), and RTP (for both full- and part-time instructors). I recently served on two search committees relevant to the whole university: the search for a new first-year composition director, and the search for a coordinator for the future Stretch writing program.

In addition to my campus duties, I have kept up an active research agenda, and am currently in the midst of preparing a publication on the situations of non-native-English-speaking first-year composition instructors around the country. This and my other research informs my own work as a writing instructor and coordinator as well as my thoughts on campus governance.