

Statement of interest
Chair – Instruction & Student Affairs Committee

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As ISA chair and thus a member of the Executive Committee, I would aim to strengthen the policies that affect the most important of SJSU's constituencies – our students – during a time of challenge and financial upheaval. ISA has been especially productive these last years, and the debates surrounding its policies have enriched the Senate and the campus. As an ISA member in my first Senate year, I was proud to play an active role in the discussion of far-reaching policies (especially regarding housing and change-of-major) that caused Senators and the university community to rethink how students spend their time on our campus. The following year, as I sat on O&G, the power and reach of the Senate was reaffirmed when the committee held unprecedented hearings in fulfillment of the duties described in S06-7, a process which led to a resolution (at least partially) to a very difficult problem. And on ISA again this last year, the committee has shepherded through the Senate further important policies – such as the one regarding “Former Students Returning” – and again, I feel proud to have actively contributed to those committee discussions.

I am currently finishing my eighth year at SJSU. In my time here, I have served seven years as coordinator of the LLD 1 & 2 courses (“remedial” 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 the Senate committees mentioned above, 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).