

Statement of Interest
Vice Chair – Academic Senate
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The past few years – while complicated ones for all of us – have shown how resilient and powerful a campus community can be nonetheless. We have come through some tough times, and the University is stronger for it: people across campus who have given their hard work and industry to making that so should be proud of themselves. That includes students, staff, faculty, administrators, and our own Academic Senate. During the last two years I myself have felt pride in being a member of – and contributor to, in my own way – a robust Executive Committee and Senate leadership.

Reflecting my continuing passion for open and fair shared governance, I would like to serve as your Senate Vice Chair and Chair-Elect. I believe I can do so ably and strongly. As Chair of Instruction & Student Affairs for two years (four total as member), I have learned to deal with the nitty-gritty of policies and their politics, shepherding through important new and revised policies, such as a Sense of the Senate resolution on SSETF, Student Fairness Committee procedures, accommodation to students' religious holidays, and student leaves of absence.

I have a strong commitment to service at all levels of the University. During my ten years at SJSU, I have served as coordinator of the LLD 1 & 2 courses (developmental writing) over nine of those. 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 those two simultaneous coordinatorships I became intimately acquainted with policies and practices throughout both undergraduate and graduate programs. In addition to my four years on I&SA, I have served one year on the Organization & Governance committee.

This academic year, I was a member of the search committee for Vice President for Student Affairs, and I join in the pride of seeing the hire of an promising new VPSA to our campus. Away from the Senate, I have long 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 (for full- and part-time instructors), and RTP. Last year I served on two search committees relevant to the whole University: for a new first-year composition director, and for a coordinator for the Stretch writing program (currently in pilot).

We have come a long way these last years, but there are always paths ahead, and always someone needed to guide us. I look forward to the leadership of Chair Kimbarow, and I would like to work with Michael as he assumes his role, aiding him when necessary and appropriate. The Vice Chair is responsible for the annual Senate retreat, and I already have ideas on that front. Ultimately, I wish to help make the Academic Senate the strongest possible voice for the campus community – students, faculty, staff, and administration – that it can be.