

**Statement from Senator Roxana Marachi,
Candidate for Associate Vice Chair of the Academic Senate**

Dear Colleagues,

It has been an honor to serve this past year as Associate Vice Chair of the Academic Senate. My experiences on the Academic Senate and Executive committee have inspired me to put my name forward to serve again in this role. One of the core responsibilities of the Associate Vice Chair is to work with members of the Committee on Committees and Senate Office to staff our 28 University level Senate Committees. I have learned so much about structures and processes of our committees this year and am grateful to have met so many dedicated colleagues across campus in the process of staffing the committees. We've paid close attention to the many ways that our communications can be improved and have worked collaboratively with colleagues in Organization and Government and within the Academic Senate office to be able to provide easier-to-find descriptions of charge, membership, and process documents for recruitment and appointment to committees.

In addition to my work with the Academic Senate, I'm highly active and attuned to issues of equity in educational policy, research, and practice. I teach courses in Educational Psychology in our Department of Teacher Education and Educational Policy in our doctoral program in Educational Leadership. I also serve as Education Chair of the California State NAACP and am troubled to see how existing inequities are growing deeper by the day with the ongoing fallout of the Covid closures, especially in education, with recent shifts to distance learning. My research is focused on the systemic prevention of data harms/data exploitation, and on the bridging of research-to-practice gaps in the implementation of emerging technologies in education. I'm also highly attuned to the increasing harms that the processes of privatization bring as public budgets shrink and private interests attempt to fill the void. These are pivotal times when we will need a Senate leadership team with critical perspectives that are grounded in a commitment to the values and mission of public higher education. I care deeply about our community and university and am willing to ask difficult questions about pending policies and practices that will affect us all.

I hope to be able to continue with contributions to our Academic Senate leadership team, would deeply appreciate your vote to serve as Associate Vice Chair of the Academic Senate, and look forward our continued work together.