

Statement of Interest to serve as Chair of Professional Standards

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Serving on the Academic Senate for the last 13 years has been one of the most rewarding and pleasurable activities of my 16-year-long career at SJSU. I joined the Senate as an Assistant Professor at the encouragement of my former Department Chair and other than taking two semester-long sabbaticals, I have never left. During that time, I have been assigned primarily to the Professional Standards Committee because supporting faculty success, defending academic freedom, and nurturing shared governance are three of my primary passions. I also have relevant experience in Senate leadership and other leadership on campus: I served as the Faculty at Large on the Senate Executive Committee for one year and for two years as the Associate Vice Chair of the Senate and the Chair of the Committee on Committees. I was also a Department Chair for eight years with a track record of supporting faculty, growing enrollments, and advocating for lecturer participation on curriculum matters. I am highly organized and able to communicate and collaborate with a variety of people and departments across campus. I've also seen how the "bread is baked" on policy committees for many years now and carry that lived experience with me. Finally, I continue to be highly productive in RSCA, have the rank of full professor, and am quite eager to facilitate the Committee's important work over the coming year. I hope you will consider me for this important service role. It would be an honor to serve in that capacity.