

Statement of Interest – Associate Vice Chair/Chair, Committee on Committees

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Dear Colleagues,

My name is Reiko Kataoka. I am a Senator representing the College of Humanities and the Arts and re-elected to serve for the AY 2023-26. I'm also the current Associate Vice Chair (AVC) of the Senate and the Chair of the Committee on Committees (ConC). During the past year, I have steadily increased knowledge and experiences as a Senator and as the AVC, and now I have clear visions and goals that I aim to achieve in the next year. Therefore, I am putting forward my name to continue serving as the AVC and the Chair of the ConC for another year (AY 2023-24) and asking for your support.

It was tremendous honor to have served as AVC this past year, working closely with Senators and members of the Senate Committees in the collaborative process of policy recommendations and various other advisory functions in shared governance. During this time, I have learned more than I could have imagined about complex relationships among committees as well as delegation and delineation of authority within the Senate. By acting both in an assisting role as the AVC of the Senate and as the Chair of the Committee on Committees, I have accumulated more experiences in leading committee meetings, coordinating on and organizing matters regarding the committee's work and operation of the Senate. These knowledge and skills, I'd like to contribute to the seamless continuation of the work of the Senate into the next year.

My philosophy on shared governance is characterized by the emphasis on shared authority, responsibility, and accountability as well as transparent and open communication. Sharing authority together with responsibility and accountability would be an effective way to empower members and allow them to perform at their best of ability. Transparent and open communication without fear of reprisal is a prerequisite of a truly meaningful and productive communication. If I am given an opportunity to continue serving as the Associate Vice Chair of the Senate, I will work at the best of my ability to help the Academic Senate to continue its cherished tradition of shared governance with transparent communication at its best form.

Finally, but not least, I would like to express my appreciation to all of the Senate members for the extraordinary work devoted to maintain critical work of the Senate. Witnessing such an exceptional professionalism in my daily work has been both inspiring and humbling. I would like to be a part of the upcoming Senate leadership team to continue its legacy. Thus, I ask my fellow colleagues to vote for me as Associate Vice Chair. Thank you for your consideration.