

Academic Senate Executive Committee
Officer Elections
Candidate Statement: Tara Jacobson
Position: Senator At-Large



I started as a representative on the Academic Senate in 2011 and have continued to serve the last 12 years with a couple of short breaks. My length of service is helpful to understand the context and background of the progress and workings of the senate. I am dedicated to IDEA values and currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership, with an emphasis in Social Justice and Equity, to learn how to become a more effective advocate and leader for institutional action and change, centering black voices, and serving our students and community. I bring a Petaluma faculty perspective along with being a department chair, a career education program coordinator for three programs, and co-chair of the district online committee. I have

previous experience in professional development as one of the faculty coordinators which includes the new faculty learning program and I have served on the Senate Executive Committee as Vice-President in the past. More recently, I was a guided pathways workgroup member focused on mapping and scheduling, served on the senate task force to review and update our bylaws and constitution, and a current member of the district enrollment management implementation team. I teach in a variety of formats: fully online, dual modality, HyFlex, hybrid, face-to-face, lecture and lab classes. I would be honored to serve in this capacity and appreciate your consideration and potential vote of confidence.