



I would be honored to serve as Associate Faculty Representative to the Senate's Executive Committee.

As many of you know, I am not shy about speaking up when I think something needs to be said. At the same time, I know that good governance requires listening, collaboration, and a willingness to understand perspectives different from my own. We are all trying to do what is best for our students, our college, and our faculty, and I believe we are most effective when we approach that work with both candor and respect.

I believe I am a good choice to represent associate faculty to the Academic Senate, as I have been an associate faculty member in the English Department at SRJC since 2007, so I have a long history of experience with our school. In recent years, I have also become increasingly involved in college service, including Senate, committee work, departmental governance, and other college initiatives.

That experience has given me a good understanding of the issues facing associate faculty as well as the larger institutional context. I am an eager advocate for faculty, especially associate faculty, while recognizing that advocacy is most effective when it is grounded in the realities of our district. I believe my job as a representative is to ask thoughtful questions, to communicate regularly with constituents, and to push for the best outcomes we can realistically achieve.

Communication is especially important to me. I want associate faculty (and all faculty!) to feel that their concerns are being heard and that they understand what is happening in Senate and college governance. Being represented at the table matters, but so does making sure that the people we represent know what is being discussed and have meaningful opportunities to contribute.

I think I could bring a useful voice to the Senate Executive Committee: engaged, straightforward, collaborative, willing to speak up, willing to listen, and focused on moving things forward.

I would be grateful to have your support and your vote.

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