

## **Laura Aspinall, statement, candidate for At-Large seat**

Hello! My name is Laura Aspinall, I am running for the At-Large, Academic Senate Executive Committee position.

Important things about me:

- I've worked as faculty in the Disability Resources Department, performing both allied and instructional duties, since 2003. As a Disability Specialist I interact and work with students, faculty, staff and administrators from across the college.
- As a past department chair, current and past AS Senator, past AS EC Secretary, and having served on a variety of College-wide committees (including College Council, ISSC, IPC, co-chair of the Lab Equity and chair of the Class Size/Waitlist Task Forces), I bring with me a breadth of knowledge regarding our students, programs, curriculum, systems and governance processes.
- I am passionate about supporting students to achieve their goals and dreams. Equity is the lens through which I do this work. While I consider myself a practitioner of equity, it is exactly that: a practice. I practice every day, personally and professionally. Informally and formally. Somedays I get it closer to right than others, but I am always looking to learn more and do better.
- As a white person I benefit from my unearned privilege in all aspects of my life; it is my responsibility to act on this privilege to dismantle the systems of oppression white people have created and continue to sustain. Including those at SRJC.

I am excited to return to the AS EC and about the work the Senate is engaged in- I hope you will consider voting for me.