

# Academic Senate Spring 2025 Officer Elections:

## Candidate Statement

### Tara Jacobson, Vice President



I am honored to run for Vice President of the Academic Senate and to continue serving on the Executive Board of the Academic Senate. With over 14 years of Academic Senate experience, I strive to offer a balanced combination of institutional knowledge and forward-thinking leadership centered in equity and inclusion. I am dedicated, hard-working, collaborative, and interested in learning and implementing varying perspectives.

Having taught across multiple modalities (online, hybrid, HyFlex, in-person, lecture, and lab) and serving as a Petaluma Campus and Career Education faculty member and department chair, I bring a broad and informed perspective on the diverse experiences and needs of our colleagues and students. These experiences help me thoughtfully participate and represent faculty in committee assignments that promote shared governance and inclusive representation.

I previously served as Senate Vice President and currently hold an At-Large position on the Executive Board. I co-chair the District Online Committee and contributed to the senate workgroup that developed recommendations for online instructor certification and the Peer Online Course Review pilot project. In the past, I also facilitated the New Faculty Program, helping to onboard and support our new colleagues. These roles have strengthened my ability to listen, work collaboratively, build consensus, and advocate with integrity on behalf of faculty and students.

As Vice President, I will work closely with the Senate President and Executive Committee to maintain open lines of communication between faculty and administration, guide committee appointments with transparency and care, and ensure consistent leadership whenever needed. I am committed to championing equity-centered policy discussions and uplifting faculty voice in all institutional decision-making.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be honored to serve as your Vice President.