Statement for Candidacy to the Senate Executive Committee of SJSU

Esteemed Colleagues,

I respectfully submit my candidacy for a seat at the SJSU Senate Executive Committee. I have served you this year as a voice and a leader in our campus discussions on the committee by preparing reports concerning pressing issues at the statewide level. With our Colleague, Senator Hiu Yung Wong, Chair of the Curriculum & Research Committee, I researched, received instruction from the two foremost leaders in the ASCSU, Chair Steffel and Chair of GEAC Csomay, and presented to you and all the colleges information regarding AB928 and Cal-GETC. My colleagues, Senators Van Selst and Rodan, contributed to discussions based on their committee expertise in the ASCSU as we, on our campus discussed the implications of a single pathway GE which came to be the Chancellor's office position.

Each month I prepared a written report (although the minutes often reflected 'no report,' because of the record of the minutes) given that I did not speak the report due to the tight schedules of our meetings. I have endeavored to keep you informed by sending regular messages through our listserv regarding opportunities to attend meetings, webinars, and discussions to ensure that you had a voice and an understanding of statewide decisions – in particular curricular. I have attended selective meetings of the Board of Trustees so that I could understand and report on their decisions.

On my ASCSU policy committee, Faculty Affairs, I serve as Vice-Chair and I took the lead in these areas: 1) the resolution to admonish the Interim Chancellor about her message to all regarding our CFA negotiations, 2) the resolution to add dedicated lecturer seats to the statewide senate, and 3) the resolution on DACA CSU employees as faculty and professional staff. I requested and was given the opportunity to bring two guest speakers to address issues related to being undocumented and having Ph.D.'s which was informative in making us think about faculty diversity support in a non-traditional manner. I consult and seek collaboration from other committees, in particular the JEDI, (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) which focuses my role in the ASCSU to further equitable and committed change to address shortcomings in our institutions and system.

We have many urgent issues in the next academic year, particularly related to curriculum, instruction, and budget, for which I believe continuity is important. I seek your vote this Spring to return to the Executive Committee as your statewide representative. Thank you for your attention and support.

Respectfully,

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