

**SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC SENATE**

**2021/2022**

**Agenda**

**May 10, 2021, 4:05 pm – 5:05 pm**

**via Zoom:**

<https://sjsu.zoom.us/meeting/85288625706>

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**I. Communications and Questions :**

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**X. New Business:**

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Curriculum & Research	Marie Haverfield	0107	45300	2022	Seat K – Social Sciences
Faculty Diversity Committee	Yasue Yanai	0091	44063	2024	Seat I – Humanities and the Arts
Institutional Review Board	Emily Slusser	0075	43752	2024	Seat F - Education
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					Seat N - Community At Large

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\* Funie Hsu to serve as Humanities/Arts Senator and on Professional Standards until Dec. 2021; Shannon Rose Riley to return Spring 2022

**Statement of Interest/Nomination for Vice-Chair: Senator Karthika Sasikumar**

I ask for your vote for the position of Senate Vice Chair. If elected, I promise that I will always hold the interest of SJSU as a whole, above all others. I will enthusiastically support the work of Academic Senate Chair Alison McKee and the Senate as a whole. I am conscientious, hardworking, and committed to representing diversity in all its forms.

I have been a member of the SJSU Faculty for 12 years, and feel a deep sense of gratitude for all that the university community has given me. It is this sense of gratitude that led me to, slowly but surely, seek positions where I could serve that community and take on leadership roles. I have represented my college in

## Vice Chair Nomination – Senator Brandon White

I am seeking to be elected as Vice Chair of the Senate. I have served as one of the College of Science Senators for the past 8 years. During this time, I have also been on the Professional Standards committee and have served the last three years as chair of the Curriculum and Research Committee. I have a long history of university level service including serving on the university Budget Advisory Committee, chair of the Program Planning Committee for three years, member of the WASC steering committee, and chair of the search committee for Director of Institutional Research to name just a few. My roles on these various committees has also allowed me to interact with faculty, administrators, staff and students across the campus and outside my own college and division. As Vice Chair I will work closely with incoming Chair McKee and past Chair Mathur. I have a long working relationship with both and deeply respect them. Chair McKee and I date back to my early days on the Professional Standards Committee and Chair Mathur and I date back to when she was Chair of Curriculum and Research and I was Chair of Program Planning Committee. I feel that this level of university service gives me valuable institutional knowledge that can be used as Vice Chair (and future chair) of the Academic Senate.

I firmly believe in the shared governance process. I also strongly believe that transparency and



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In my career, I've never seen such volatility and uncertainty happening in higher education and more specifically at SJSU, now within the added context of an

## Statement of Interest/Nomination for Chair of Curriculum and Research Committee— Senator Karthika Sasikumar

I would very much like to serve as Chair of Curriculum and Research, should a vacancy open. I am a Professor (and Vice Chair) in the Political Science Department, and have been a member of the Academic Senate since February 2020. I began serving on the Organization and Government Committee at this time, and was elected Chair of that committee in Fall 2020. Although my tenure as Chair has been short, I have worked with my colleagues to pass several key initiatives. As a member of the Senate Executive Committee, I learned about policies that affect the university as a whole, and participated in constructive debate on those policies.

I have had the opportunity of serving on several other university-level committees. Since I joined SJSU in Fall 2009, I have taken the opportunity that the university's culture offers to faculty at all levels to participate in shared governance. A former international student became a member, and then chair, of the International Programs and Students Committee in 2011 and served for three years. I also served on three search committees for Dean positions, and on the Provost's (un)Honors Initiative. I am currently a member of the International House Advisory Board.

While I have enjoyed my tenure in the Organization and Government committee, I would like the opportunity to broaden my experience on Curriculum and Research. I know that the committee is grappling with questions of crucial importance to our community, such as financial crisis, the role of online instruction in the curriculum, and pandemic-induced constraints on research. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to shared governance of these issues.

## Statement of Interest/Nomination for Chair of the Curriculum and Research Committee – Senator Brandon White

I am seeking to be re-elected Chair of the Curriculum and Research (C&R) Policy Committee for Academic Year 2021/22. I have served as chair the last three academic years and I would like to complete our work on updating the General Education Guidelines. I have had the opportunity the last three years to gather a tremendous amount of feedback on General Education and help guide the committee on reviewing these materials. Although we have made considerable progress this year, we were not able to finish all the updates. This would be a priority for the first part of the academic year next year. In addition, the committee has several referrals to work on regarding accessibility and updating policies on Organized Research and Training Unit. I firmly believe in the shared governance process. I also strongly believe that transparency and open communication are imperative in the shared governance process. We should continue to ensure that all voices are being heard on many of the policies that we will be reviewing this next year on the committee. Thank you for taking your the coe po[(T)-n16.7 hhl.3 (i)- Tw 27.5heve thatP3hes

## Statement of Interest/Nomination for Chair of the Professional Standards Committee – Senator Shelley Cargill

I am seeking election as chair of the Professional Standards committee for AY 2021/22. I am currently in my third year of serving on the Profession Standards committee and have been fortunate to gain experience in the wide range of work this committee performs. Examples of this include review and feedback for several sets of departmental RTP guidelines, minor edits to policy (e.g., amending S15-7 for joint appointments), moderate edits to policy (e.g., amending S15-8 to provide for “The Scholarship of Engagement”), and extensive reworking of policy (e.g., updating S10-7 Appointment, Evaluation, and Range Elevation for Lecturer Faculty). I would like the opportunity to help the committee complete projects initiated this year. Of particular importance is facilitating the reform of the RTP Criteria and Standards Policy for fairness, equity, and inclusion. While the PS committee has laid some groundwork for reforming the RTP policy for fairness, equity, and inclusion, much work remains as laid out in the Roadmap for Equity Reform of RTP policies presented to the Academic Senate on April 19, 2021.

In addition to my experience on Professional Standards, I have served on the Curriculum & Research Policy Committee for two years, on the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) as a member for 11 years and as chair for 10 years, as the Chair of the Biological Sciences Department for two years, as well as several university level recruitment committees. In these leadership positions I have sought input and feedback from relevant parties and helped lead discussions allowing all committee members to deliberate and have a voice in the final product/decision making process. As the chair of Professional Standards, I would be committed to helping the committee continue the important work ahead.

Respectfully,

Shelley Cargill  
Professor  
Department of Biological Sciences

## Statement of Interest/Nomination for CSU Statewide Rep to the Executive Committee Julia Curry

Esteemed Colleagues, I request your gracious support in my aspiration to serve you as your statewide senator on the Executive Committee. The academic year 2020/2021 has made each

and SJSU must reinvent itself as astutely as we all 'pivoted'

and our labor in March 2020. We have the opportunity to

improve our roles as educators with greater flexibility, support,

and this academic year we forged a collaborative environment to face

challenges to address emergency conditions. We understood the

helped us to find ways to humanely address the impact on students, faculty, and staff of our uncertain times. The issues that I am committed to include: flexible grading options; faculty fairness; unexpected costs of virtual labor and learning; the future of general education; mental health consequences of sheltering in place, and impending repopulation.

I ask for you to elect me to the Executive Committee. Thank you for your vote.





Nomination Statement for Chair of the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee –  
Senator Laura Sullivan -Green

I have served on ISA since my election to the senate in 2014, and served as chair since 2017. I find its work a critical contributor to the university mission and student success. This year the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee has grappled with some of the most difficult issues imaginable in a very short amount of time. From developing a waitlist policy to improve student enrollment in classes to finding ways to support student success during the pandemic, ISA's work has had a significant impact on how this university operates. There are still many more items on ISA's agenda that will continue to impact students, faculty, and administrators.

Chairing ISA this year has most definitely been one of the greatest challenges I have experienced. Passions have run high while trying to support academic success impacted by non-academic problems. I found myself being forced to learn even more ways to manage group dynamics and guide a group united in purpose but filled with emotional perspectives.

I hope to continue to grow in this position and continue the work I have done with such an amazing group of committee members.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Laura Sullivan-Green

Statement of Interest/Nomination for Chair of Organization and  
Government Committee – Senator Karthika Sasikumar

I am pleased to put forward my candidacy for the election of Chair of the Organization