

Academic Senate Vice-Chair Candidate Statement
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Dear Fellow Senators,

I am honored to be nominated as a candidate for Vice Chair of the Academic Senate at Cal Poly Pomona.

If elected, I am committed to listening to all faculty in order to ensure they are being heard in the various settings in which the Senate Vice-Chair serves as a representative for the faculty. Prior to coming to Cal Poly to teach in the College of Business, I spent 20-years as a practicing attorney in the field of taxation. Specifically, my practice expertise was handling tax controversies between taxpayers and the IRS. In my profession it was essential to listen to my clients, to understand my client's goals and desires, and to advocate on behalf of my client to a large, structured organization.¹ I cannot say I was successful in achieving all of my client's goals and desires in every case. I did, however, ensure that in every case my client was heard and their position was strenuously advocated. These advocacy skills are well-matched with service as the Senate Vice-Chair representing the faculty and the Senate.

In 2014, I joined Cal Poly to teach taxation and share my practical experiences with students. I'm a firm believer that the best way to commit to a career and an employer is to become actively involved. I have been actively engaged in Department- and College-level committees and working groups covering a myriad of faculty matters. I have had the privilege of serving as a Senator and Parliamentarian for the Academic Senate for the last three years. During my senate tenure, I served on the Senate Executive Committee. I also served as Co-Chair, Working Group Essay #7, WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). In these University service opportunities, I have experienced Cal Poly's learn-by-doing approach to shared governance and have seen the importance of the faculty being "heard." It would be a great honor to continue my commitment to Cal Poly by serving as your Vice-Chair.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

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¹ In no way should this statement be construed to infer Cal Poly and/or the CSU is like the IRS! 😊