

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as a senator in the Academic Senate. I am asking for your support to continue that service as Vice-Chair.

I'm running for Vice-Chair of the Academic Senate with a variety of relevant experience:

- Chair of Political Science, 2019-present
- Co-Chair of Professional Leave Committee, 2021-present
- Interim Chair of GE Committee, spring 2022

More specifically, I bring a perspective to the role of Vice-Chair, one that strongly values **shared governance**, but while also acknowledging the pivotal moment we face in our university's history.

With a variety of issues facing the Academic Senate today, including decreasing tenure density, a move toward online and hybrid teaching, the increased number of executive searches, and the systemic transformation of General Education through AB928, I am committed to holding administration accountable on issues that have the potential to change university life as we have come to know it.

I also believe this is a crucial moment for CPP to instill a new generation of leadership. After just completing ten years of service at CPP and serving as department chair in political science for the last three years, I believe I will bring an **enthusiasm, energy, and attention to detail** to the Vice-Chair position, but also with an approach rooted in both **empathy and compassion**. It is important for someone to be seated at the table who is very clear-minded about our goal of shared governance, especially with some in administration who want us to be run more like a corporation and less like a university. It is my sincere belief that successful shared governance requires leaders who exhibit these qualities and more.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, I affirm this vision of faculty governance in the name of our student body. As faculty, we work to provide a world-class education to our student body. We care deeply about these issues in the Senate because it deeply affects the experience of our student body. Also, when more than half our student body identifies as Hispanic, I believe the Senate would send a powerful message of affirmation to elect a Latino faculty member to Senate leadership.

For these reasons, I humbly ask for your vote as Vice-Chair of the Academic Senate.

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