

Candidate Statement: Dr. Dave Kopplin, Professor of Music, CLASS

Thank you for considering me for the CLASS representative to the Cal Poly Pomona Academic Senate Executive Committee.

I have conscientiously served on the Academic Senate since 2004 (with a brief stint off the Senate and two sabbaticals). I am not on the Senate to pad my resume or prepare myself for an administrative position. Indeed, I believe in both the purpose and implementation of shared governance and I am here for that reason.

I am here to ask hard questions, serve the university and the faculty, serve the students and staff, and give voice to my constituents in CLASS. I believe that I can contribute to the warp and weave of shared governance on the Executive Committee by continuing to ask hard questions, but also by keeping in mind that the mission of Cal Poly is much bigger than any of us.

During my time on the Senate I have served on the CSU Academic Senate, the Faculty Affairs, and the GE Committees, with the bulk of my time on GE, including several years as the chair. It was during my time as GE chair that we began the arduous – and ultimately successful – process of a GE program review, the first ever in Cal Poly's history.