

Dear Senators, I am honored for this opportunity to run for the Chair of the Academic Senate. Since early 2016, it has been my privilege to serve as the Vice Chair and support the Senate in fulfilling its role in semester conversion. In addition to serving as the Vice Chair for the past 15 months, I have served on the Senate Executive Committee for the past 6 years through a time of major change for the university. I feel very fortunate to have experienced this learn-by-doing approach to shared governance because it allowed me to learn from my esteemed fellow Senators, including Past Chair Lisa Alex and current Chair David Speak, and our wonderful Senate Office staff, Valerie Otto and Casandra Horner. As the Senate's role in Semester Conversion comes to a finish, we still have plenty of work ahead of us as we forge ahead on Cal Poly Pomona's Strategic Plan, Academic Master Plan, WASC/WSCUC accreditation, and Student Success goals and challenges. It would be a great honor to start my third term on the Senate by serving as your Chair.

Thank you for this opportunity.

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