

Academic Senate, At-Large Part-Time Faculty Rep

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PE & Athletics

Statement: I have served my department and the campus community in several positions in the last 4-5 years. During the last year of IPBT, I served as a replacement member. Then I was appointed as one of the PE & Athletics Senate Reps, which I served in through the end of the 2024-25 Academic Term. As a member of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate, I served on several search committees, including the District Vice Chancellor of Human Resources and the De Anza Vice President of Student Services. I currently serve as a member of the hearing committee for student judicial affairs. On the District level, I serve as the De Anza Academic Senate's rep on the FHDA Affordable Housing Task Force for the last three years. In summary, I believe I have served the campus community in a variety of positions. Regarding the standard of respecting diversity, I have served as a coach for three different athletic teams – men's soccer, women's badminton, and women's soccer. Intercollegiate Athletics requires a high level of commitment to achieve development and success. Those three different teams found me recognizing and engaging student-athletes of Islamic faith with dietary restrictions that required accommodation in the operation of athletic teams; student-athletes of a Chicano culture, where their personal and academic development cannot be addressed without recognizing the strong family aspects of support and expectations; student-athletes of a multitude of Asian ethnicities, where academic expectations are high and can be co-joined with aspects of athletic success (while recognizing a variety of lunisolar New Year celebrations may bring absences). Diversity at De Anza means (to me) the ability to try to meet our students "where they are" and to critically evaluate how to accommodate essential components of our students' identities as we develop them intellectually, emotionally and athletically.