

Dear Academic Senate:

My name is John Banola and I am writing to formally express my interest in the Curriculum Committee Chair position for the 2024-2027 term. I have been a full-time faculty member here at SBVC since 2009 and am completing my 15<sup>th</sup> year of service. During that time, I have been a member of the Curriculum Committee (CC) for approximately 10 years. I was also the Faculty Chair for the Department of Kinesiology/Health for 12 years.

I have been a part of many different curriculum changes that I have seen from different sides - as a faculty member, a department chair and as a CC member. I believe that my experience seeing things from these different lenses makes me an ideal candidate for this role.

Additionally, and most importantly, I believe in doing what is in the best interest of the students to further their success. Their academic progress and success is something that is directly affected by the curriculum that we create and provide for them. While there has already been a lot of great work done by the CC towards this end, there is still a lot left to do. This work can be achieved by continuing to collaborate collegially in an environment that fosters and encourages open dialogue/discussion/debate to ultimately create the best courses, programs, certificates, and degrees for our students. I feel that I can be the person to lead that charge and would love the opportunity to do so.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Banola