

Crystal Edwards: COES

I am currently a second-year assistant professor at the Department of Africana Studies. I have been actively involved in various campus-wide CETL learning communities in the last two years and have served on college and departmental committees. My experience in higher education has awarded me the benefit of Helping faculty and students leverage their unique experiences and capabilities to create learning communities that are meaningful and mutually beneficial is at the center of my work. Working with other faculty and staff members across campus will help me better understand the challenges and needs of our diverse campus community. My goal is to both learn from and contribute to the membership in ways that enhance computer science education for all students. I am grateful for the opportunity to potentially serve on university-wide committees as a representative for the College of Ethnic Studies to aid in improving our campus community for students, faculty, and staff.

Robert K. Collins: COES

Position Statement: Statewide Academic Senator Candidate: Robert Keith Collins, PhD Halito (Hello in Choctaw)! My name is Robert Keith Collins, PhD and I am an Associate Professor in the American Indian Studies Department. For the past term, I have had the honor of serving as one of three statewide academic senators from SF State and I am asking for your vote. As your ASCSU senator, I have gained vital experience negotiating balance between system-wide concerns and campus autonomy. As a former ASCSU Chair and ICAS (Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates) Chair, two term ASCSU Vice Chair from 2018-2020, At-Large member to the Executive Committee from 2017-2018, and Secretary from 2015-2017, my duties have enabled me to archive, generate, and organize comprehensive Executive Committee, Extended Executive Committee, plenary, and Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) meeting minutes, liaise with the statewide CFA and ASCSU Faculty Affairs Committee to ensure concerns regarding lecturer success and tenure density were examined system-wide, liaise with the CSSA (California State Student Association) to ensure that student perspectives and voices always inform the work of the ASCSU, and liaise with the CSU Council on Ethnic Studies (CSUCES) to ensure communication between the ASCSU, CSUCES, and CSU Office of the Chancellor. My duties have also enabled me to engage in active legislative advocacy to increase funding to the CSU and respond to faculty, staff, and student concerns raised across disciplinary boundaries through active participation in the approval, debate, and revision of many resolutions to ensure shared governance. Two notable ASCSU resolutions, which I authored, are AS-3246-16/EX(Rev): Preventing Workplace Bullying Within the CSU Community and AS-3329-18/EX: Commemoration of the 1968 Student Strikes For Relevant Education. AS-3246-16/EX(Rev), perfected with the assistance of my fellow ASCSU senators, urged campus senates and administrators to create strategies to reduce and remedy the barriers to faculty and student success that workplace bullying can produce. AS-3329-18/EX, honored the legacy of the 1968 student strikers at SF State of other CSU campuses, their struggles, and the active agency taken in their educational careers, to the benefit of all, in the creation of Ethnic Studies within the CSU. Your vote will enable me to continue representing SF State and the faculty of the CSU in ways that encourage the perpetuation of faculty and student-centered best academic practices system wide. If I can answer any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me at rkc@sfsu.edu.