## Candidate Statement

I am John Foucault from Mendocino College, running for Regional Affairs Director for Region I.

I am qualified for this position because of my history of related responsibilities and experiences. Currently, I am the President of the Associated Students of Mendocino College.

During my time with ASMC, I have learned a lot about running meetings and effectively communicating with colleagues. I am also serving as the delegate for Mendocino College, where I have seen firsthand how the SSCCC functions, specifically Delegate Assemblies.

The seven core commitments are fundamental to putting students first and ensuring we create and uphold a system that is equitable and valuable. The SSCCC's job is to ensure the CCC system stays true to these commitments by empowering student voices. Equity and inclusion are critical priorities for the SSCCC. We need to create an environment where no one is left out based on who they are or how they look and guarantee that people that come from disadvantaged backgrounds can succeed.

The issue I am most dedicated to answering is tackling the student drought we have seen over the past couple of years. This issue is especially prominent in rural communities like Region I, where student engagement is already low. I would like to see Region I continue the growth we saw this year and continue that growth after I leave.

I am suited to be a voting member of the Board of Directors because I am committed to the SSCCC's Mission and purpose. I am willing to listen to students' issues and take them into consideration, during the voting process.

Thank you, John Foucault