

Alicia Aguirre

Thank you for considering me to be on the VPI Selection Committee. As a faculty member, I know that this position is of vital importance to the college. I have worked very closely with past VPI's in various faculty positions and especially while I served (and currently serve) as Accreditation Co-Chair. Being part of decisions that mold our campus leadership are very important and I would be honored to serve on this committee.

Paul Naas

I was on the last VPI hiring committee, so I have some previous experience evaluating and interviewing for this position. Also, as the coordinator for a CTE program, I have a unique perspective on the needs of students who are attending as skill-builders and pursuing a career rather than transfer. Finally, as a technology-oriented program, I have an interest in ensuring that our campus is forward-looking in terms of career and technical training, helping to prepare our students for the careers they seek.

Nathan Staples

As a scientist, I think I can bring a calm and impartial perspective to the hiring process that is based on objective data and proven past experience of the candidates. I also can well represent the Science and Technology Division, which has particular needs for instruction, scheduling, equipment, and funding. Finally, as a deeply involved father of teenagers (former Cub Scout leader and Children's Choir vocal director) and a very student-centered instructor, I can bring an outlook that seeks someone dedicated to students' and faculty's success and well-being first and foremost, and who also fosters a campus climate of inclusiveness, true transparency, and close-knit community.

Lale Yurtseven

I bring over a decade of experience as a faculty member at four community colleges in California as well as one private college, I have served on Academic Senate committees in the past and am currently serving on the Cañada College Academic Senate, and I have worked with many individuals in leadership positions as well as served on multiple hiring committees for leadership and faculty positions. These years of experiences have taught me what to look for in an effective leader at an educational institution, and as a committee member of the VPI hiring committee, if selected, I promise to be very objective and not be biased by any unrelated factors, such as any dimensions of diversity, and I promise not to be affected by politics around the college. I assure you that I will help select the best possible candidate who can support and lead our faculty's growth and success at Cañada College.