

Proposed Faculty Representatives for CSM President Screening Committee

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Proposed Faculty Reps:

- **Tamara Perkins (adjunct, FILM)**
- **Mohsen Janatpur (adjunct, MATH/PHYSICS/ASTRON)**
- **Tim Tulloch (full-time, KINES)**
- **Kamran Eftekhari (full-time, CIS)**

Notes/Context:

- Interest collected through [Google Form](#)
- Recruitment e-mail sent out: 9/18/23
- Included in weekly faculty newsletter: 9/22 & 9/29
- Note from Jon Kitamura: "I am serving on a hiring committee this fall for a position with the DRC as well, a tenured faculty position. So the CSM president hiring committee will be my second hiring committee of the academic year."
- **Full list of interested faculty along with their statements:**

- **Jon Kitamura, (full-time, ENGL)**

I am concerned that CSM has lost so many administrators in the last few years. While some of these departures could be attributed to retirements, others have left either because they used their position at CSM to climb the professional ladder or because our institution and/or district were not a good fit. At the same time, CSM has received both statewide awards (most recently for excelling in equitable course placement for students) and national recognition (ranked #1 in California community colleges and #3 nationwide in a WalletHub study in 2020) as an exemplary academic institution. It is vitally important that CSM's next president truly "bleeds blue," meaning they are committed to our college, to serving our faculty, staff, and students, and to upholding the values of this institution.

I have been a full-time faculty member since 2006. During this time, I have acted as co-coordinator for Writing in the End Zone (2 separate terms) and helped re-institute the Puente learning community at CSM. I understand that collaboration between student services, instruction, and administration is fundamental to student success and to achieving our mission as a college. I have served on multiple committees whose focus is on examining and eliminating institutional barriers for students, beginning with our Basic Skills committee in the mid 2000s to our Educational Equity Committee today. I bring experience in our district's hiring process and have participated in hiring committees for full time positions in English, Counseling, the DRC, and the Dean of Language Arts.

My desire to serve on this committee is fueled by my commitment to serving our students. I hope to play a role in ensuring that our college attracts and retains a leader who embodies the values and the culture of this institution, and I commit to holding interim Chancellor Moreno accountable to honoring "the voice of the campus constituencies throughout this process" by soliciting input from our campus community and carrying it forward throughout the hiring process.

*Thank you for your consideration,
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- **Kamran Eftekhari (full-time, CIS)**

I am eager to serve on the CSM President Screening Committee because, as a tenured full-time faculty member in the Computer Science Department, I have a deep-rooted commitment to the success and growth of our institution. I believe that selecting the right president is pivotal in shaping the direction and future of our college.

With my background in Computer Science and my experience as a tenured faculty member, I bring a unique perspective to the committee. I am well-versed in academic matters, understand the needs of both students and faculty, and can provide valuable insights into the qualities and leadership attributes that will benefit our institution the most.

I am dedicated to upholding the values of transparency, fairness, and excellence in higher education, and I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the rigorous and thorough selection process for our next president. Thank you for considering my interest in serving on this important committee.

- **Mohsen Janatpur (adjunct, MATH/PHYSICS/ASTRON)**

I have taught at CSM for 132 semesters (131 consecutive semesters as full-time and 1 semester as adjunct) and worked with seven CSM presidents

- **Beth LaRochelle (full-time, DENTALASSIST)**

I am starting my 13th year at CSM in the roll of Program Director and faculty member in a career education program. My career in education spans over 25 years. I bring to this committee both my experience in working at a number of educational institutions, and in the private sector. If invited to serve on this committee, my contribution is the perspective and voice of Career Education as well as a CSM community member. Thank you for your consideration.

- **Tamara Perkins (adjunct, FILM)**

As a part time faculty at CSM I believe that it is critical to include adjunct voices in the screening and hiring committee of our college. While, I am part time, I am fully committed to supporting the development of an antiracist, inclusive and equity-centered college.

My career has been varied and includes work in business and technology. And as a documentary film director I have over 20 years experience interviewing and reading individuals. It would be my pleasure to serve our faculty body as a member of this screening committee.

- **Tim Tulloch (full-time, KINES)**

I'm passionate about CSM. I've been with the district for 26 years and work very closely with many of our underepresented student populations. I can help to be a voice for them to ensure we bring in a president that truly cares about our students. I also have lots experience in hiring from a prior corporate position.