

Nominees for Foothill Academic Senate Representatives to Foothill College President Search Committee

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Voltaire Villanueva, Counselor, Counseling Division, Full-time

My interest in representing the Academic Senate on the Foothill College President Search Committee is driven by my intention to implement institutional change and lead a concerted effort to improve and enhance student success here at Foothill College. I have engaged in collaborative work over the past few years as the Counseling Division Senator and my work will continue as the incoming Academic Senate president for the upcoming two-year term. Some of my notable contributions to the campus include work on the Academic Senate Mediation Team, Program Review, Faculty Prioritization, the Mental Health Awareness Resources & Resolution, and the Ethnic Studies Steering & Advisory Committee. My work is guided by my experience as an immigrant and first-generation college student who attended public schools. As an advocate for and believer in the promise of equal access and opportunity through public education, it is my hope that our search for Foothill's next president carry these ideals to lead us into a new chapter for the college.

Nick Tuttle, Psychology, BSS, Full-time

I am interested in serving on the President Search Committee at Foothill College as I have been an active member of this community for over a decade. I want to see the new president thrive and therefore our community will thrive. In terms of relevant background and perspective, I have been both an adjunct and full time faculty member at Foothill, I have served on college wide committees such as curriculum, equity, and commencement, I have served on administrative hiring committees, I have a background in departments other than BSS in counseling and athletics, and I have a graduate degree in leadership. Most of all, I love Foothill and I'm good at identifying strong candidates for leadership positions.

Thank you for the consideration!

Kerri Ryer, Political Science, BSS, FT

One theme that consistently emerged in our governance redesign working group was the importance of the presidential interview questions to be in alignment with our stated values. These values include but are not limited to, open and inclusive communication, collaboration, participation, transparency, and shared leadership grounded in Foothill's vision and Strategic Vision for Equity. While I could never claim to represent all Foothill faculty, I can promise you a commitment to hear your suggestions, concerns, and insights and use them and our shared values to inform the work on this hiring committee. My formal training includes graduate coursework on human resource development with a focus on DEI and strategic leadership. Given that the president's role on campus and power position, I believe my formal training in political science is also relevant. Finally, my FHDA EO training is up to date, and I have experience in practice working with a variety of colleagues across campus in formal and informal settings.

FA Rep: Nicole Gray, Math, STEM, Full-Time