

Confirmations – February 5, 2024

Hiring Committee, Dean of Community Education

Confirm Marek Cichanski and Mike Appio, see their statements below, to serve as Faculty Representatives on the Hiring Committee for Dean of Community Education.

Marek Cichanski – FT Tenured Faculty

I think it would be useful for me to serve on the hiring committee for the Dean of Community Education because my department (Astronomy, part of PSME) interacts with Community Education on a regular basis. Astronomy classes have been taught in the De Anza Planetarium for many years, as part of a cooperative arrangement between Community Education and the Astronomy department. As the current Astronomy coordinator, I can represent the department's perspective on this arrangement, such as how it impacts student learning and how it influences the Department's planning and logistics.

Mike Appio – FT Tenured Faculty

My experience working with the previous dean (including his staff) of community education for many years would make me an excellent candidate for the faculty position of the hiring committee for the dean of community education position. The DMT department and community education has teamed up to provide high school summer academy, teacher training, NST/ATE professional development and custom industry training. Examples of contract training have included teacher training for HAAS Automation and Tesla to name a few.

The DMT program has adopted a number of teaching and learning strategies to address gaps in successful course completions for disproportionately impacted populations. These are consistent with current best practices and innovation to better address course success gaps and enhance outcomes for all students, with a focus on disproportionately impacted groups. The goals and objectives of the NSF ATE MADE professional development courses are also focused on identifying and implementing innovative teaching and learning strategies to enhance DEI.

	Faculty Member
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Diana Argabrite	Museum Programs Coordinator
Gracy Galvan	Comm Ed & Planetarium Asst
Margarita Hawthorn	College Academy Program Coordinator
Toshi Komatsu	Planetarium Coordinator
Tim Harper	CDC Director
Martin Varela	Director, College Fiscal Svcs
Mehrdad Khosravi	Dean, PSME
Manisha Karia	Dean, BCAT
Marisa Spatafore	Associate VP, Comm & Ext Relations
Charlie McKellar	EO Rep *approved by HR

