

Program Review Co-Chair Letter of Interest

To: SBVC Academic Senate

From: Dr. Danielle “Dani” Graham, Bethany Tasaka

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Dear Academic Senate colleagues,

We, Dr. Danielle “Dani” Graham and Bethany Tasaka, are writing to express our interest in continuing as co-chairs of the Program Review Committee through the remainder of the existing term, Spring 2027. We look forward to supporting the college as a team and we believe that our strengths are complementary. We value service, transparency and accountability, and the continuous improvement of our campus’s programs for the betterment of our students and community.

Together, we have firsthand experience facilitating committee meetings, supporting the program review and resource request processes, and engaging with key campus and district committees. Currently, we report committee activity to the Academic Senate and College Council. We are also active members of the campus community and have a broad understanding of programs and services offered while bringing a critical perspective and collaborative approach to improving campus processes.

With prior experience in institutional research, Dani joined SBVC in 2019 as a member of the faculty and currently serves as Psychology Department Chair. She has served on the Program Review Committee for multiple years, as a member and as Faculty Chair/Co-Chair. She has experience coordinating the campus-wide program review and resource requests process as well as the perspective of a department chair who plays a significant role in overseeing the review of a program. Dani has also built relationships with students and campus community members in her role as the Mind & Matter Psychology Club Advisor and is in the final semester of her first term as an Academic Senate representative for the Social Sciences, Human Development, Kinesiology and Health division.

Bethany served in multiple faculty leadership roles since joining the SBVC faculty body in 2017. In addition to being mathematics faculty, she served in two interim dean roles, the Curriculum Committee Co-Chair, Academic Senate Secretary and Webmaster, and as the original Outcomes Faculty Lead. Additionally, she has experience overseeing program review submissions, particularly within the Mathematics, Business, and Computer Technology division. Bethany also has leadership experience as the

president and co-founder of the Asian and Pacific Islander Association. She is part of the Taytayan Learning Community planning team, helping to facilitate the course offerings and support provided to those students. Beyond SBVC, Bethany is active in the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCC) and their Asian and Pacific Islander Caucus, the Asian Pacifics in Higher Education National Conference and planning committee, and the Association of California Community College Administrator's (ACCCA) Social Justice and Career Advancement Institute.

As our campus continues to navigate the ASPIRE process, we realize that there are natural growing pains. We know questions will continue to arise and we *aspire* to a better process. Our goal is to make Program Review meaningful and reflective of the excellence that exists within our programs and areas. This is easier said than done, but we are hopeful that progress can be made towards continuous program/area improvement.

In February 2025, College Council tasked the Program Review Committee with addressing the faculty prioritization process, and we are developing plans to move this initiative forward for the benefit of the college and faculty body. Our goal is to have a timeline for this new process outlined by the end of the term, and to develop an effective process within a year. We are committed to ensuring that Program Review is a meaningful and transparent process that supports institutional planning and equitable resource allocation. We will work closely with the Academic Senate to ensure that the faculty voice is heard in this development.

We appreciate your consideration and would welcome the opportunity to continue chairing the Program Review Committee. Please let us know if there is anything further we can provide.

Thank you.

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