May 19, 2022

Dear District Academic Senate President Browne,

The Cañada Academic Senate writes to go on record with our opposition to the recent District Academic Senate election process.

According to the DAS by-laws, the DAS represents faculty. Therefore, it is not appropriate for an administrator to run for, be elected to, and/or serve as an officer of the Senate. For someone to be in the role of an administrator while running for, being elected to, or in the middle of their term as Senate office represents a conflict of interest.

We call for the by-laws to be clarified to state that only faculty may run for, be elected to, and/or serve as an officer of the Academic Senate. If at any point the candidate becomes an administrator, they become ineligible.

Please let us know if you would like to discuss this further. We appreciate your listening to our concerns.

Sincerely,

The Academic Senate of Cañada College