

Dear Academic Senate,

We'd like to nominate Nada Nekrep for the Outstanding Part-Time Faculty Award for 2026.

Nada has served as Cañada's Online Instruction Coordinator for four years. In that time, she has re-shaped the role and created an incredibly strong foundation from which the DE Program has been able to flourish. She provides the DE Team with a sense of calm and positivity that fosters an environment of comradery and collaboration in our team. With Nada's thoughtful and thorough leadership, we passed our RSI Review during Accreditation. We could not have achieved that without Nada's dedication and hard work. We also would not have a Peer Online Course Review (POCR) process if it weren't for Nada's willingness to take on that difficult, and at times unwieldy, project. Because of Nada we are the first college in our District to have a POCR process.

In her teaching, Nada similarly brings her thoughtful and engaged work ethic to engaging her students and continuously improving her online teaching. Whether it be sharing how she addresses AI use with her students, or her strategies for implementing RSI in her own courses, Nada serves as an incredible resource for her faculty colleagues. Nada also advocates for our students outside of the classroom. She is collaborating with our Counselors to document student need for the CVC-OEI Course Exchange program and bring those needs back to District leadership via her membership on District DEAC. Also, Nada's contributions to the Textbook Affordability Subcommittee of Academic Senate have helped to streamline the ZTC Course Conversion Program and her invaluable insight has helped the OER/ZTC program to expand across the campus, reaching more students and helping them afford their education. Nada takes her participation in participatory governance seriously, and in so doing, takes advantage of opportunities to make change when they become available.

We are deeply grateful for Nada's hard work and dedication. We consider ourselves very lucky to have Nada as a faculty colleague!

Allison Hughes, Sarah Harmon, Jenni McGuire