

# Accreditation Site Visit

THE WEEK FOR WHICH  
WE'VE BEEN  
PREPARING!



March 7, 2016

## Community Open Forums

- March 8: Meet and Greet  
8:30 – 9:00 AM  
Student Services  
Terrace
- March 8: Open-Campus Forum  
6:00 – 7:00 PM  
The Great Hall
- March 9: Open-Campus Forum  
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
The Great Hall
- March 10: Exit Report  
2:00 PM  
The Great Hall

The time has come for Los Angeles Pierce College to have its Institutional Self Evaluation Report validated!

Dr. Joel Kinnamon began his tenure as the seventh Superintendent/President of College of the Desert in July 2012.

Dr. Kinnamon served as Chancellor of Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, which operates Chabot College in Hayward and Las Positas College in Livermore. The two colleges together serve more than 25,000 students in the San Francisco East Bay Area. Before becoming chancellor, he served the district as the Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Planning for five years. Prior to his work in the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District, Dr. Kinnamon spent several years with community colleges in Oklahoma serving as Provost (CEO) of the Southwest Campus for Tulsa Community College and at Oklahoma City Community College in various progressive roles including Professor of Business. Prior to his employment in the community college system, he spent nearly a decade in the business and finance sector.



Pierce College  
Accreditation  
Team Chair

Joel Kinnamon, president of College of the Desert

Dr. Kinnamon received his doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Nova Southeastern University, his master's degree with honors in Business Administration from Oklahoma City University, and his bachelor's degree in Agriculture Economics from Oklahoma State University.



## Meet the Team

### **Lee Ballestero**

*Faculty, Political Science, Moorpark College*

Lee Ballestero teaches Political Science at Moorpark College where she has been a full-time faculty member for the past 9 years. She teaches courses in American Government and State & Local Politics both onground and online. In addition to membership on a variety of governance committees including Student Learning Outcomes, Fiscal and Honors she was the co-chair of the Education Committee on Accreditation and Planning for 4 years. Currently she's the co-chair of the Distance Education Committee. Lee has also been the advisor for the campus's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa for the past 7 years. She received her Ph.D. from UC Irvine, B.A. from CSU San Marcos and A.A. from MiraCosta College.

### **Lori Bennett**

*Executive Vice President, Moorpark College*

Lori Bennett is currently the Executive Vice President of Student Learning at Moorpark College and is responsible for all instructional and student services programs. She is also the Accreditation Liaison Officer and Title IX Coordinator for the college. She has worked at Moorpark College for 20 years, and has been the EVP for three years. Previously, Lori was a Dean of Student Learning for six years, and was responsible for a variety of instructional and student services programs. She co-chaired many college standing committees, helped develop several new programs, and supervised more than 100 faculty and staff members. Prior to becoming a Dean, she was a Business discipline faculty member for 10 years, including four years as Department Chair. Preceding her time at Moorpark, Lori was a marketing manager for General Mills and other consumer products companies. She completed her Ed.D. at CSUN; her dissertation topic was Barriers and Best Practices for Implementing Student Learning Outcomes at California Community Colleges. She has participated on three accreditation team site visits and has attended many Accreditation workshops and training. She is currently leading Moorpark College in preparing for an accreditation team site visit in fall 2016.

## Accreditation Team Assistant: Pamela Hunter

*Executive Director, Institutional Advancement, College of the Desert*

As the Executive Director of Institutional Advancement at College of the Desert, Pam Hunter is responsible for the overall planning, supervision, and coordination of operations, programs and functions related to public relations, community relations, grants oversight and resource development. Previously, she managed the college's institutional planning and effectiveness program including implementation of the College's strategic plan, operational development and campus support. She served as the ALO during the two year period the college performed its Self-Study, and has served as the Assistant for two Visiting Teams. Hunter's initial assignment at COD was in the area of economic and workforce development, and she served as the Dean of Training & Development overseeing contract, community, and non-credit education.

## The Team...



### **Ryan Cartnal**

*Director of Institutional Research and Assessment, Cuesta College*

Ryan Cartnal has served as the Director of Institutional Research and Assessment at Cuesta College since 2003. Prior to this role, Dr. Cartnal served as a Supervisor of Institutional Research and as a Research Analyst. With 25 years of experience in community college research and assessment, he holds a Ph.D. in Educational Statistics and Psychometrics from the University of California, Santa Barbara, a Master's degree in Cross Cultural Education from California State University, Bakersfield and an A.B. in Philosophy from Occidental College. Dr. Cartnal's research interests include placement accuracy, determinants of community college transfer to four-year institutions, student equity, and the application of advanced statistical models to relevant questions of student performance and completion. He is an active member of the Research and Planning Group (RP Group), California Association of Institutional Research (CAIR), and has served on five prior Accreditation Site visits.



### **Frank Chong**

*Superintendent/President, Santa Rosa Junior College*

Dr. Frank Chong has been Superintendent/President of Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) since January 2012. Prior to joining SRJC, Dr. Chong served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges at the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C. Among his key responsibilities there were shaping President Obama's community college agenda and developing policies related to the President's college completion goal. He is an experienced administrator of nonprofit organizations. Dr. Chong has participated on numerous higher education boards, including the Chief Executive Officers Board of the California Community Colleges and the American Council on Education Commission on Advancement of Racial and Ethnic Equity. Chong has a Bachelor of Arts degree from UC Berkeley in social welfare and Asian American Studies, and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University. He also completed the Educational Management program at Harvard's Graduate School of Education, and earned his Ed.D. in educational administration leadership and technology from Dowling College in Oakdale, NY.



### **Paul Flor**

*Professor, Political Science, El Camino College – Compton Center*

I have devoted my 27 year career to a variety of roles at primarily two types of institutions, at 3 two-year, community colleges in southern California and at one of the largest California adult school providing nationally and regionally accredited programs in diverse health, trades and service careers. Possessing FSAs in political science and ethnic studies and a California adult education credential, I have firsthand experience in and appreciation of two realms of accredited post-secondary education. In administrative and faculty leadership positions, I have always upheld the belief in the democratization of tertiary learning.

## The Rest of the Team...

### Ronald Little, II

*Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration/CFO, Peralta Community College District*

Ron Little serves as the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, responsible for budget and grants, fiscal services, purchasing and procurement, and information technology. Prior to Peralta, he was Vice President of Administrative Services at Ohlone College and CFO for San Diego Unified School District. Mr. Little earned a B.A. in English Literature from US Irvine and an M.B.A. in Finance from University of San Francisco. He has served on one prior accreditation team as lead on Standard III.

### Leslie Minor

*Vice President, Academic Affairs, Solano Community College*

Leslie Minor serves as the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Solano College, having joined the executive management team in January 2015. Her administrative experience includes academic and support positions in California and Oregon. She also has 20 years of experience teaching in the social sciences, at two-year and four-year colleges and universities, large and small, urban and rural, private and public, in the United States and overseas. Dr. Minor completed a B.A. degree in Psychology at the University of Washington, Seattle; and M.A. and Ph.D. in the School of Social Ecology at the University of California, Irvine. She is a Fulbright scholar and was an exchange program participant to China and a Visiting Senior Teaching Fellow at the National University of Singapore. She has written textbooks in the field of business human relations, and has presented results of her social science research in the U.S., Asia, Europe, and Africa. She currently lives in the San Francisco Bay area.

### Eleanor Svaton

*Associate Professor, English, Hawaii Tokai International College*

Eleanor Svaton is an Associate Professor of English in the Liberal Arts Program at Hawaii Tokai (HTIC) International College, with a B.A. and M.A. in English from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. She is also the Accreditation Liaison Officer for HTIC; this is her first opportunity to serve as a member of an accreditation team for the ACCJC.

### Chris Vitelli

*Vice President of Student Services, Chief Student Services Officer, Merced College*

Professional experiences include the following positions:

- Vice President of Student Services (current position)
- Interim Vice President of Student Learning (both CIO and CSSO; Interim ALO)
- Dean of Instruction
- Director of Business, Industry and Community Services
- Director of Student Services

This is Mr. Vitelli's first time serving on an evaluation team. He served as Interim ALO for one year, successfully leading the College to receive a reaffirmation of accreditation and the removal of "warning status."

