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TEAM MEMBER GENERAL INFORMATION

MARVIN MARTINEZ

Chair

Marvin Martinez was appointed the Chancellor of the Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) in July 2019. As Chancellor of one of the largest community college districts in the state of California, Mr. Martinez oversees a district that covers one quarter of the land area of Orange County, registers an annual enrollment of more than 50,000 students, and is one of the largest employers in the region with more than 2,000 employees. RSCCD has eight major facilities locations, including the main college campuses of Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College.

In a career that spans decades in the California community college system where he has been dedicated to ensure success for community college students, Mr. Martinez was most recently President of East Los Angeles College where under his leadership the number of transfers to the UC and CSU system rose dramatically and, according to Hispanic Outlook on Education magazine, the college ranked #1 in California for community college degrees and certificates granted to Hispanic students in 2017. He also served as President of Los Angeles Harbor College, Provost of Santa Monica College and Dean of Business and Industry at Cerritos College.

Mr. Martinez has served as a member of the board of the Chief Executive Officers for California Community Colleges (CEOCCC) since 2015, is a member of the College Board's Community College Advisory Panel, which works to promote national recognition of the role community colleges plan in providing access to higher education and was recently appointed to the Chapman University Attallah College of Educational Studies Advisory Board. Chancellor Martinez, a native of El Salvador, immigrated to Brooklyn, New York and then moved to Long Beach, California where he graduated from Long Beach Wilson High. Martinez earned a Master's Degree in Urban Planning and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of California, Los Angeles.

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Mr. Martinez has served as chair for many accreditation committees and teams including those within the state of California.

CHENG YU HOU

Assistant

Cheng Yu Hou (he/him) was appointed Vice Chancellor of Human Resources for the Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) in July 2021. In this role, Mr. Hou oversees all aspects of the district's People and Culture affairs. His responsibilities include all areas of the district's human resources and employer-employee relations which include labor negotiations, employee recruitment, selection and discipline, fringe benefit administration, and risk management. With an extensive background in higher education, Mr. Hou served as adjunct faculty in business/international law, human resources, and diversity/inclusion/equity/belonging at institutions such as Pepperdine University and the University of Southern California. Most recently he served as the Chief Human Resources Officer at San Mateo Community College School District and previously held the positions of Chief Diversity Officer for the County of Los Angeles Child Support Services and Chief Negotiator for the County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office. Among his prior work experience, he has held various roles with the AARP Foundation, Human Rights Watch, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, U.S. Departments of Justice (U.S. Attorney's Office), Transportation (Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration), and the Interior (National Park Service), U.S. Commissions on Civil Rights and International Religious Freedom, and the U.S. Federal Courts.

Mr. Hou has liaison with accreditation teams on providing ACCJC standards requirements as relating to human resources and supported instruction as well as student services teams on fulfilling their requirements per ACCJC standards.

YOLANDA BELLISIMO

Academic Representative

I am a Professor of Political Science and History, College of Marin in Kentfield California. I have been teaching at the college part-time since the 1980's and full time since 2001. Previous to full time teaching, I served as a program administrator and trainer at the Buck Institute for Education, a research and program development private institution. At College of Marin, I previously served as president of our Academic Senate and on numerous college committees.

I have served on several visiting teams and on four of the teams for our college. My expertise, and the part of the reviews I am most familiar with, is governance.

CALEB FOWLER

Academic Representative

Professor Fowler obtained an undergraduate degree in Computer Information Science and a Master's in Business Administration from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. He worked as an insurance industry underwriter for ten years in Philadelphia. Leaving insurance, he spent 8 years as a private network consultant. Caleb taught in the Schools of Business and Information Science at Philadelphia University and Drexel University. He has been teaching for over 30 years and is currently a professor in the Computer Information Science Department at Folsom Lake College. He has several published peer-reviewed articles in the field of Artificial Intelligence and is currently working on his doctorate in Educational Leadership at the University of California, Davis. Caleb lives with his wife and three daughters in Granite Bay, California.

I have served on accreditation teams for West Hills Community College – Coalinga (2017) and Canada College (2019). I have just completed the second accreditation reaffirmation of Folsom Lake College as a member of the Accreditation Steering Committee. My dissertation involves extracting latent college Organizational Identity themes from section I.A of the ISER.

KIM L. MORRISON

Academic Representative

Dr. Kim L. Morrison is a critical educator engaged in multiple efforts, which connect students' needs to campus programs. Dr. Morrison uses interactive teaching methods to bring students' cultural experiences and histories into the educational project. Rather than validate biased information or exclude student knowledge from her work with students Dr. Morrison chooses to place students at the center of her teaching and confront barriers to their access to education. She teaches research skills in multi-course learning communities designed to support first time or first-generation college students. The common goal of these efforts is to increase the engagement and persistence of students, especially first time or first-generation college attendees from historically underserved communities.

I have participate on several peer review teams, primarily Standard II: Student Learning Programs and Support Services, Standard 3C.

MICHAEL REESE

Academic Representativet

Dr. Michael Reese began in the California community college system in January 2000 as a full-time faculty member of mathematics at San Diego Mesa College. During his 12 years there, he served as department chair and interim CTE dean. He then spent nine years at Grossmont College as Dean of Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Exercise Science and Wellness, interim Sr. Dean of College Planning and Institutional Effectiveness, and interim Vice President of Academic Affairs. His next stop was for six months at Copper Mountain College as interim Vice President of Academic Affairs. Since January 2021, he has served as Vice President of Academic Affairs at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College.

This is my second experience on a peer review team. I served as ALO at Grossmont College and Copper Mountain College, and I am currently ALO at LA Trade-Technical College.

CAROLINE DURDELLA

Administrative Representative

Dr. Caroline Durdella is the Accreditation Liaison Officer and the Executive Dean of Academic Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness at Rio Hondo College in Whittier, CA. She has over 20 years of experience in teaching and administration in higher education. At Rio Hondo, her areas of responsibility include planning, resource allocation, outcomes assessment, program review, accreditation, distance education, and enrollment management.

I have served on two peer review teams (2013, 2014). The first was a comprehensive site visit and the second was a follow-up visit. As a member of a peer review team and follow-up team, my role was to evaluate the narrative response and evidence to assess compliance with standards I and II as well as write up my findings.

I currently serve as my district's ALO and most recently (2022) guided our district through developing the ISER and organizing and executing a successful comprehensive site visit. My experience includes writing reports, cataloguing and indexing evidence, communicating with the commission, and working with standards teams and steering committees.

ABDUL NASSER

Administrative Representative

Dr. Nasser currently serves as the Chief Business Officer at the Compton Community College District (CCCD). He provides overall leadership in planning, directing and evaluating the operational activities of the District including, but not limited to all aspects of financial services; business services; facilities including maintenance and operations; information systems; bookstore and food services. Before joining the CCCD team, Dr. Nasser served as associate vice chancellor of financial services for the San Francisco Community College District. He has extensive experience as an administrator in finance and accounting for several universities and community colleges both in the U.S. and abroad. He also has experience as an adjunct faculty member teaching corporate finance, intermediate accounting, and introduction to computers. Dr. Nasser has a bachelor's in accounting, MBA, and a Doctorate in Business Administration. He passed the CPA exam.

This will be my first time serving on a review committee. Previously I created and revised ISERs, was a member of the accreditation committee, and responded to questions from the visiting team.

KANEESHA TARRANT

Administrative Representative

Dr. Kaneesha Tarrant serves as the Vice President Student Services at Norco College. She is responsible for providing leadership for a comprehensive array of student services and programs – including Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, Transfer Center, Student Life, Phoenix Scholars (Foster Youth), EOPS/Care/NextUp, Disability Resource Center, CalWORKs, Unity Zone (LGBTQ+), Counseling, Student Discipline, Dual Enrollment, Promise Program, Student Health Center, TRIO Grants -SSS and Upward Bound, Athletics, Outreach and Recruitment, Puente, Umoja, Veterans, Middle College High School and Engagement Center. In addition to her role as the chief student services officer, she is engaged in college and district efforts for guided pathways and social justice. She is the current president of the Chief Student Services Officers Association (CSSO) and an active member of the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA).

Dr. Tarrant has served as a member of two peer review teams in the last 5 years for two diverse organizations – Carrington Colleges (Fall 2019) and Santa Barbara City College (2021). As a member, she's led Standards IIC and IIIA.