



## Accreditation Team Visit – Fall 2007



Dear Colleagues,

Next week, Oct. 22-25, our College will have the pleasure of welcoming the ACCJC Visiting Team that has been selected to review our Accreditation Self-Study. The Team represents the breadth of experience, skills, and disciplines needed to provide us with a good analysis of our work. We are very fortunate to have a team that has many members with prior accreditation review experience. It is ably led by Don Warkentin, President of West Hills College in Lemoore, CA. President Warkentin's previous accreditation experience includes visits to Orange Coast College and Foothill College.

The Team is here to be helpful to us and to support our desire to be an excellent educational institution. Please be prepared to welcome them into your offices, your classrooms, and your meetings. Many of you will be contacted for appointments or class visitations as we are notified of their schedules and requests. For those of you who are not scheduled, please note there will be open forums. Finally, I invite you all to the Exit Interview on Thursday, Oct. 25 from 1:00 to 3 p.m. in Building 3, Room 142.

I wish to thank everyone who labored with integrity and thoroughness on the Self-Study, the co-chairs, Marilyn McBride and Alicia Aguirre, the Accreditation Steering Committee, faculty, staff and students who contributed to the work on the Standards, and the staff that supported the preparation of the document and logistics of the visit - Maggie Souza, Roberta Chock, Thad Fowler, Debbie Joy and Stephanie Bergren. We have a great institution so let's open our doors to the committee and welcome them to Cañada College.

### Accreditation Visiting Team

The following is a list of members of the Visiting Team that will be on campus Oct. 22-25 as part of the accreditation process.



**Mr. Don Warkentin (CHAIR)**  
**President, West Hills College Lemoore**

Don Warkentin is the President of West Hills College Lemoore located in Lemoore, California near Fresno. This is Don's third time serving as a visiting accreditation team member and first time as team chair. Previous accreditation experience includes visits to Orange Coast College and Foothill College. West Hills College Lemoore is the state's newest community college having received their initial accreditation in June 2006.



**Ms. Jill Stearns (Assistant)  
Dean of Student Learning, West Hills College Coalinga**

Jill Stearns is the recently appointed CIO for West Hills College Coalinga. In her third year as Dean of Student Learning, she has served as the District Director of Financial Aid and Educational Technology Specialist where she focused on training and supporting online faculty. With a BS in Business Administration from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and an MS in Instructional Technology, Ms. Stearns is a PhD candidate at Walden University in the Community College Leadership program.



**Dr. Judith Beachler  
Dean of Instruction and Student Learning, Cosumnes River College**

Judy Beachler has served as Dean of Instruction and Student Learning at Cosumnes River College since 2006. She also served on the Palomar College Site Visiting Team in Spring 2003, and the Fullerton College Site Visiting Team in Spring 2004. Prior to this, she served on the steering committee for a Middle States Association Accreditation Self Study process for a community college in Pittsburgh, PA. Judy is serving as team lead on Standard I, Institutional Mission and Effectiveness.



**Mr. Robert Boyd  
Philosophy Instructor, Fresno City College**

Robert Boyd has been a philosophy instructor at Fresno City College since 1996. In addition to publishing numerous articles, Bob has published three books in the area of critical reasoning and logic. He served on the Curriculum Committee at FCC for six years and is currently serving on the Academic Senate. In 2004, he served on an accreditation team for the ACCJC. Currently he serves on the American Philosophical Association sub-committee for Two-Year Colleges.



**Ms. Judith Lanning  
Director of Workforce and Community Education, Modesto Junior College**

Judith Lanning is Interim Dean of the Science, Mathematics and Engineering Division at Modesto Junior College located in the Yosemite Community College District. Judith is also currently acting as Executive Director of the Modesto Junior College Foundation which has over 6.9 million dollars in endowments to date. Prior to these roles with the college, Judith served as Director of Operations in the Community and Economic Development Division.



**Ms. Virginia May  
Professor, Mathematics & Statistics, Sacramento City College**

Virginia May is a professor of Mathematics and Statistics at Sacramento City College, part of the Los Rios Community College District, located in Sacramento, California. In addition to teaching all levels of mathematics, she has served on the Math/Stat Department Distance Education Committee, the Professional Development Committee, Academic Senate and the Curriculum Committee. This is Virginia's first time serving as a team member on a visiting accreditation team. Standard IV is her primary duty with a secondary duty to Standard II.



**Mr. James Matthews**

**Faculty Library Coordinator/Collection Developer, Chabot College**

Jim Matthews is the faculty library coordinator at Chabot College. He is the current president of the California Community College Council of Chief Librarians. He served as the academic senate president at Chabot College from 2001 to 2003. He has served on two accreditation teams and has worked with self-study teams on three occasions.



**Dr. Jose Ortiz**

**Superintendent/President, Allan Hancock College**

José M. Ortiz was appointed superintendent/president of Allan Hancock College on July 5, 2005. In that position he is responsible for serving more than 12,000 credit students and 5,500 noncredit students each semester. The college district spans 3,000 square miles in northern Santa Barbara County and includes college campuses or centers in Santa Maria, Lompoc, Solvang, and at Vandenberg AFB. Dr. Ortiz has served as an educational administrator in several California institutions of higher learning including, Laney College in Oakland, California and Solano Community College in Fairfield, California.



**Ms. Meridith Randall**

**Vice President of Education & Student Services, Mendocino College**

Meridith Randall, Vice President of Education and Student Services at Mendocino College, graduated *summa cum laude* from Amherst College in Massachusetts with a BA in English. Ms. Randall has edited accreditation reports for both Palau Community College and Mendocino College, and is currently serving as ALO for Mendocino College's upcoming accreditation visit (March 2008). This is her first opportunity to serve on an accreditation team.



**Ms. Victoria Rosario**

**Dean of Planning & Resource Development, Los Rios CCD**

Victoria Rosario is Dean of Planning & Resource Development at the Los Rios Community College District, located in Sacramento, California. Victoria has been with Los Rios since 2000. She has served as the District's Director of Financial Aid and Student Services and interim Director of Student Services at Sacramento City College. This is Victoria's second time serving as a visiting accreditation team member and will serve as team lead for Standard Two. She served as the student services lead for the initial accreditation at Copper Mountain College.



**Mr. Lawrence Serot**

**Vice President, Administrative Services, Glendale Community College**

Larry Serot has served for the past 15 years as Vice President, Administrative Services and Chief Business Officer at Glendale Community College. He served 19 years in the Los Angeles Community College District including 12 years as Director of Budget with several interim appointments as Vice Chancellor of Business Services. He was interim Vice President for Administration at West Los Angeles College. He has served on six different accreditation teams during his career in higher education.