

ACCJC PEER REVIEW VISITING TEAM

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TEAM CHAIR



MR. MARVIN MARTINEZ

President, East Los Angeles College, Los Angeles Community College District

President, Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges (CEOCCC) Board, 2018-2019

The Community College League of California (League) welcomed East Los Angeles College President Marvin Martinez as Board President of the Chief Executive Officers for California Community Colleges (CEOCCC) in June 2018. President Martinez will serve as the CEOCCC Board President through June 2019. Martinez has been a member of the CEOCCC Board since 2015. Martinez will also focus on supporting CEOs through the implementation of significant college-level reforms and highlight the successes of community colleges statewide.

As President of East Los Angeles College, Marvin Martinez leads one of the largest Hispanic serving institutions in the nation. Serving nearly 60,000 students annually, East Los Angeles College offers a breadth of programming allowing students to transfer to four-year universities, complete two-year liberal arts and career technical degrees and gain valuable career skills through the completion of short-term career technical certificates. In his role as President, Mr. Martinez oversees more than 1,300 employees and a budget of nearly \$100 million. He is responsible for the college's building efforts, which include the completion of three new on-campus buildings and the development of a permanent offsite educational center in the City of South Gate. Mr. Martinez is an inspirational leader that guides the college in its pursuit of being the cultural center of the community and in ensuring that students are empowered to reach their educational goals.

In his first year as President of East Los Angeles College, Mr. Martinez significantly affected the culture of the institution and led efforts to reinvest in a transfer culture. Collaborating with California State University Los Angeles and Garfield High School, President Martinez helped lead the development of the GO East Los Angeles project, which guarantees transfer to students attending East Los Angeles College, and revolutionizes the higher education pipeline. He has also enhanced relationships with top universities, such as UCLA, greatly augmenting opportunities for East Los Angeles College students. President Martinez continues his student centered effort utilizing efficient and innovative programming, including improved first-year programs, student engagement through social media, and enhanced community outreach.

Prior to arriving at East Los Angeles College, Mr. Martinez served as President of Los Angeles Harbor College from August 2010 through July 2013. In that role he was responsible for \$444 million in bond construction, balancing the college budget in his first year as college President, and making significant gains in student success.

Marvin Martinez served as the first Vice Chancellor of Economic and Workforce Development for the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) in January 2008. In his role as Vice Chancellor, he was responsible for providing leadership in the development and support of workforce development programs with all nine colleges in the district. During his tenure, LACCD raised more than \$20 million in economic and workforce developments grants, and emerged as one of the top job training agencies in Los Angeles.

Prior to his role as LACCD's Vice Chancellor of Economic and Workforce Development, Marvin Martinez worked as the Vice President of Planning and Development at Santa Monica College and Dean of Business and Industry. He began his community college career at Cerritos College in 1989 as the Director of Economic Development and Coordinator of the Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act.

President Martinez is a native of El Salvador. He immigrated to Brooklyn, New York and then moved to Long Beach, CA where he graduated from Long Beach Wilson High. He holds a Master of Arts in Urban Planning and a Bachelor of Arts in English from UCLA. He is a father of four.

TEAM ASSISTANT



MR. RUBEN ARENAS

Ruben Arenas is Acting Vice President of Instructional Services, Liberal Arts and Sciences at East Los Angeles College (ELAC), the largest campus in the Los Angeles Community College District. He provides educational leadership for a number of college services and programs including STEM, the social sciences, the arts, and the humanities. Previously, he served as the college's Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Advancement overseeing the areas of institutional research, enrollment management, professional development, learning assessment, accreditation, and planning. He started at ELAC in 2008 as a full-time faculty member in the Department of Mathematics and assumed his current position in July 2017. As a faculty member, Mr. Arenas was involved in a number of areas including supplemental instruction, the College's first-year experience, STEM education, Computer Science education, and improving outcomes in developmental mathematics. He served on the College's Academic Senate for a number of years.

Mr. Arenas completed his undergraduate coursework in mathematics at Harvey Mudd College, and his master's degree at University of California, San Diego.



MS. JENNI ABBOTT

Jenni Abbott serves as the Dean of Institutional Effectiveness at Modesto Junior College and as the College ALO. She oversees institutional planning, research, and evaluation, as well coordinating the Strong Workforce Initiative at MJC. Jenni worked for many years as the Director of Grant Development and also served as the interim Director of the Central Region Center of Excellence and the interim Director of Distance Education at the College. She holds a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Northeastern University. Jenni's career has centered around innovation and collaboration to help students reach their educational goals.



DR. THOMAS BLAIR

Dr. Tom Blair from City College of San Francisco holds a PhD in French from University of Wisconsin-Madison and also studied in France and Germany. He was founder and Director of the Calif. Community College Foreign Language Council for 20 years; this group serves as the professional association for language faculty. He founded the honors program at City College and was chair of languages for a dozen years. He received the *palmes académiques* from the French Government. At City College he served as Academic Senate Vice President. Since retiring from the chair, he continues to take students each July for a month in Paris, leads June cultural tours in Europe and lives in Berlin two months each fall.



MS. KAREN DAAR

Karen Daar is a Vice President of Academic Affairs at Los Angeles Valley College and serves as its Accreditation Liaison Officer. As the College's Chief Instructional Officer, she provides overall strategic leadership to a wide range of academic and learning support operations and instructional initiatives. Prior to her six and a half years of service to Los Angeles Valley College, Karen was at East Los Angeles College in her successive roles as Professor of Anthropology, Curriculum Chair, Academic Senate Vice President, Dean of Academic Affairs, and Accreditation Liaison Officer. She chaired and served on a number of district and college committees related to educational planning, curriculum and governance. Karen holds a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology from California State University Northridge and a Master's degree in Anthropology from the University of New Mexico. This will be her second external evaluation visiting team.

DR. DAVID EL FATTAL

Dr. David El Fattal has served as an executive leader in California community colleges, K-12 schools and private industry for 28 years. He currently serves as Vice Chancellor, Business and Administrative Services for the Ventura County Community College District. Previously, he served as Vice President of Business Services/Assistant Superintendent at Cerritos Community College District and also as Assistant Superintendent, Business Services at Culver City Unified School District.

El Fattal is a first generation college student. He holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership with an emphasis in community college leadership from California State University, Fullerton, a Master of Business Administration from Pepperdine University, a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Redlands, and an Associate of Arts from Azusa Pacific University.



MR. JAMES GLAPA-GROSSKLAG

James Glapa-Grossklag is Dean, Educational Technology, Learning Resources, and Distance Learning at College of the Canyons. He also leads the statewide Distance Education Captioning and Transcription grant, and co-coordinates the statewide Zero Textbook Cost Degree program. He has served as President of the Community College Consortium for Open Educational Resources, the Open Education Consortium, and Directors of Educational Technology in California Higher Education. He earned tenure as a faculty member in history. This is his third visiting team.



DR. MATTHEW POWELL

Dr. Matthew Powell has taught for over 20 years in high school and higher education. Currently, he is Associate Professor of History at Diablo Valley College (DVC), where he teaches Atlantic History-African American and North American. He has also taught Latin American History.

Matthew holds bachelors degrees in Religious Studies and Social Science and a secondary teaching credential from California State University, Chico. His Masters is in History from the University of New Mexico. He earned his doctorate at the University of California, Davis where he pursued research on the rise and fall of learning communities. Also, Matthew studied West African history and French language at the Université de Cheikh Anta Diop in Senegal, West Africa, and Cuban history and Spanish at the Universidad de la Habana in Habana, Cuba. He maintains speaking and reading proficiency in Spanish. He has traveled extensively and conducted research and formal studies in France, Guatemala, Venezuela and Colombia.

For over ten years, Matthew has served on either the Statewide Board or Executive Committee of the Umoja Community, a learning community committed to the academic success, personal growth and self-actualization of African American and other students. Matthew has also served as an educational consultant for non-profits.



MS. ADELA ESQUIVEL-SWINSON

For the past three years Adela Esquivel-Swinson has served as the Vice President of Student Affairs at Evergreen Valley College in San Jose, CA. She is responsible for the overall leadership of the college's student support services and programs serving close to 10000 students each semester. Her administrative experience includes serving as the Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Services at Peralta Community College District, in Oakland California and Director of Admissions and Records at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria Ca for 8 years. Vice President Esquivel-Swinson holds a Masters of Arts in Education from Antioch University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services with an emphasis in Counseling from College of Notre Dame.





DR. MATTHEW WETSTEIN

Matt Wetstein just completed his first year as Superintendent/President of Cabrillo College. Prior to his work at Cabrillo, Matt served for six years as the Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Instruction and Planning at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton, CA. He is a statewide leader in the Research and Planning Community for California Community Colleges, having spent six years on the board of that organization and two years as President. He is the co-author of three books on the Canadian Supreme Court, one book on abortion politics in the U.S., and has published more than a dozen peer-reviewed articles on judicial behavior, abortion politics, and community college student success. Matt is a member of a number of community advisory boards, including the United Way, Santa Cruz Symphony, Santa Cruz County Business Council, Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce, The Agri-Culture Board, and Sutter Health/Palo Alto Medical Foundation Advisory Board. Matt started his community college teaching career in 1996. He earned his bachelors degree in political science from the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois, and a masters and Ph.D. in political science from Northern Illinois University. This is his fifth accreditation team visit as an ACCJC peer reviewer.



DR. GAIL ZWART

Dr. Gail Zwart is a Business and Management Professor at Norco College. She has been with Riverside Community College District for the past 31 plus years as both an administrator and a faculty member. Currently she is a Department Tri-Chair for Business, Engineering and Information Technology (BEIT). She chairs Architecture, Construction, Engineering, Electronics, Electrical, Manufacturing, Supply Chain Management and Drafting. Along with her Chair duties she has release time to work on Non-Credit Education, Apprenticeship, and Employability Skills. She Co-Chairs Standard IV for Norco's Accreditation next year and has done this the past 3-4 accreditation cycles. She is a member of Program Review, has Chaired Institutional Strategic Planning and Professional Development in the past. Dr. Zwart is a very active member of the Norco College community. She also chairs the Strong Workforce Executive Committee for the Inland Empire/Desert Region consortium. Dr. Zwart has a DPA from University of La Verne, a MBA from Baker College, and an MPA from Cal State San Bernardino. In her past life she was the Dean of Economic Development, Director of Contract Education and Community Education. In her free time Dr. Zwart like to travel to her home in Prescott Arizona, hike, kayak, read, spend time with her family, play with her dogs, and quilt. This is Dr. Zwarts third accreditation with the new standards. Dr. Zwart will be working on Standard III and IV.