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NEWS

Board Appoints Currie as Interim Chancellor

The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to appoint Coastline Community College President, Dr. Ding-Jo H. Currie, as Interim Chancellor. Currie, the current Acting Chancellor, will begin as Interim Chancellor on July 1, 2009.

“Dr. Currie has stepped into the role of Acting Chancellor during a very busy and important time in our District,” said Board President Jim Moreno. “She has done an excellent job and we are confident that as the Interim Chancellor she will continue to bring outstanding leadership to our District.”

“I am humbled by the Board’s unanimous vote of confidence,” said Currie, “I will do my very best to serve in my new role and work closely with the leadership teams at our three outstanding colleges.” Currie will serve as Acting Chancellor through June 30. The Board of Trustees and Currie will work together to identify an Acting President for Coastline Community College, headquartered in Fountain Valley.

“This is a time of exciting transition in our District with the search for a permanent Chancellor and a new President for Orange Coast College,” Moreno stated. “We know that Dr. Currie will bring stability to the District as we conduct a search for those positions during the coming months.” The Board is utilizing the services of the Association of Community College Trustees to recruit nationally for the position.

Currie has served as President for Coastline Community College for nearly seven years. She holds degrees in Mathematics, Psychology, Counseling, and earned her Ph.D. from the University of Southern California. Under her leadership, Coastline has obtained national and international recognition for innovation in technology mediated instruction and is among the top ten in the nation for granting Associate of Art degrees. Under her leadership, the college was awarded the contract to operate the Orange County’s high performance One Stop Centers and several multi-million dollar grants from major foundations such as the Bill Gates Foundation, Hewlett Foundation and the National Science Foundation.

Active and engaged in the local communities, Currie is known for her dynamic and visionary leadership. Currently serving as Past Board Chair for the American Association of Community Colleges, Currie is also revered as a strong and prominent leader in the national higher education arena. She was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for the nation’s largest higher

education association, the American Council of Education and the Chair for Community College Advisory Panel for the College Board.

“As a new Board member, I am most impressed with Dr. Currie’s ability to bring people together and to accomplish the many goals of the District,” said Dr. Lorraine Prinsky, Vice President of the Board of Trustees, “The District will be well served by her leadership during this period of economic turbulence and leadership transition.”

The Coast Community College District is headquartered in Costa Mesa and is the ninth largest district in the country. The District’s three colleges - Coastline Community College in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa - serve over 60,000 students each year providing traditional degree and transfer opportunities, career and technical training and community programs.

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The Coast Community College District is headquartered in Costa Mesa, Ca. along the Orange County coastline. The district is comprised of Coastline Community College headquartered in Fountain Valley, Golden West College in Huntington Beach and Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa.