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Board Appoints Interim Coastline Community College President

The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Marilyn Brock as Interim President of Coastline Community College. Dr. Brock will begin as Interim President on January 1, 2010.

“Dr. Brock has a tremendous amount of experience in community college administration,” said Board President Jerry Patterson. “She brings with her an excellent reputation and proven knowledge of local issues that impact our colleges. We are confident that as the Interim President she will be a great asset to Coastline Community College and to our District.”

“I look forward to working with Coastline and assisting the college and the District during this time of transition,” Dr. Brock stated. “Coastline has many remarkable programs that are very unique and I am excited to be a part of such an innovative and progressive college.”

Brock will serve as Interim President at Coastline Community College while a national search is conducted for a permanent replacement. The Board of Trustees, Chancellor Currie and Dr. Brock will work together to lead Coastline Community College during a time of District-wide transition and an unprecedented budget crisis.

“California is in the midst of a devastating financial crisis. Community colleges do so much to help citizens gain new job skills and transfer credits,” said Dr. Brock. “It is up to all college employees, administrators and the board to figure out how we can continue to provide these valuable services. I look forward to working with Dr. Currie the other college presidents and the Board as we move forward in during this challenging time.”

A resident of Long Beach, Dr. Brock most recently served as the Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs at Cerritos College. She has held executive administrative positions at several California Community Colleges, including Long Beach City College, Rio Hondo College and was president at Mendocino College in Ukiah. She has also served as

a consultant at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Mass. and at Heald College in San Francisco.

Dr. Brock attended California State University, Long Beach where she earned her BA and MA degrees. She earned her Ed.D. in Institutional Management from Pepperdine University. Dr. Brock has extensive teaching experience in higher education. She holds several lifetime community college credentials for instruction and administration.

“Our District is facing many challenges,” stated Chancellor Ding-Jo Currie. “We know that Dr. Brock’s extensive experience will bring strong leadership to the college as we conduct a search for a permanent president in the coming months. I look forward to working with her to ensure that Coastline, and all of our colleges, continue to serve our students and our community.”

“I am appreciative that Marilyn is willing to bring her skills and experience to Coastline Community College,” said Dr. Currie. “The college and the District will be well served by her leadership during this transition period. I look forward to working with Marilyn closely as we confront our fiscal challenges ahead.”

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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