



## **2011 Solano Community College Institutional Self-Study Visiting Team**

### **Kathryn G. Lehner, Team Chair**

Kathy Lehner was appointed Superintendent/President of the Mendocino-Lake Community College District on June 15, 2005, after serving as the Vice-President of Academic Affairs for over two years. She has provided leadership to the District in developing and implementing an integrated strategic planning process, campaigning successfully for a local bond measure, expanding curriculum to include an RN program, and raising funds to support a facility for the Culinary Arts Management Program on the Ukiah campus.

From 1992 to 2003, Kathy held several academic administrative positions at Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado, including Associate Vice-President for Educational Services, Dean of Division of Business Education and Military Programs, and Assistant Dean of Division of Business Education. Kathy is a Certified Public Accountant and holds a B.S. in Accounting from the University of Kansas and an M.B.A. from the University of New Mexico. Prior to becoming a college administrator, Kathy was self-employed as a CPA for ten years and taught accounting courses for Pikes Peak Community College, Dodge City Community College, and the University of Oklahoma.



### **Mr. Thomas Jones, Assistant**

Mr. Thomas Jones holds a Bachelor's of Arts degree in History from California State University- San Bernardino and recently completed all course work for a Master's of Arts degree in humanities, with special emphasis in History, at the California State University- Dominguez Hills. Prior to his employment with College of the Desert, Mr. Jones was employed by a Fortune 500 company located in the Coachella Valley. After his retirement from the business world in 2004, he began his tenure with College of the Desert. He has held various positions with the college. He is currently working in the college's Research Department. Mr. Jones was a co-chair to the College's Self Study during the recent reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2010.



## **Dr. Toni DuBois, Standard I**

Dr. Toni Marie DuBois is currently the Vice President of Student Services at Fullerton College, where she also serves as the Accreditation Liaison Officer, and recently served as co-chair of FC's Self Study for Accreditation. Before moving to Fullerton, she was the Dean of Financial Aid, EOPS, and Veterans Services at Long Beach City College.

Dr. DuBois earned her Bachelor's Degree in Communication and her Master's Degree in Counseling from California State University, Long Beach and her Ph.D. in Community College Leadership from Walden University. She has been actively involved in a number of professional associations and has been a school trainer for the U.S. Department of Education.



## **Jonathan Cole, Standard I**

Jonathan Cole teaches physics at MiraCosta College, where he has been on the faculty since 1984. He served as Academic Senate president of MiraCosta from 2003-2005, and again from 2005-2007. He has served in numerous governance roles at MiraCosta, and has participated on five previous accreditation visiting teams. In addition to physics, Mr. Cole professional interests include climate science and climate change. He was a Visiting Scholar at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in 1995 and 1996, and did coursework in the Scripps' graduate program in Climate Science in 1998-99. During his spring 2012 sabbatical, Mr. Cole will develop a GE course on Climate Science and Climate Change.



## **Paul Murphy, Ph.D., Standard II**

Dr. Paul Murphy is currently a dean of academic affairs overseeing the mathematics, science, and health science departments at Allan Hancock College. He has worked in higher education for 25 years, with teaching experience in the community college, CSU, UC and private systems in California. Dr. Murphy received his Ph.D. in economics with graduate coursework in environmental and natural resource economics and statistics.

Prior to becoming dean, Dr. Murphy served as the college's first director of institutional research and planning. In 2010-11 Dr. Murphy served as both dean and associate vice president overseeing the college enrollment management and assessment committees. Dr. Murphy has served on the college's student learning outcomes committee from its inception, and led the college effort last year to develop a College Assessment Plan. Dr. Murphy has extensive accreditation experience having served on five previous accreditation visiting teams in addition to return visits. He has also served on his college's self-study teams and co-authored self-study standards at Allan Hancock.



### **Trevor Stewart, Standard III (Lead)**

Trevor Stewart is currently the Director of Business Services at Butte College. For the last five years his responsibilities have included budget development, financial reporting, and Business Office operations. Prior to working at Butte College, Trevor was a Business Manager for two K-12 districts. Trevor spent the first six years of his career at a regional accounting firm where he earned his CPA license performing audits of community colleges, K-12s, and not-for-profit organizations. Trevor has an A.A. from West Valley College as well as a B.S. from Chico State.



### **Shawn Abbott, Standard III**

Shawn Abbott is a full-time faculty member at College of the Siskiyous (COS), teaching accounting, economics and business courses. She is an active member of the Academic Senate and chairs the campus Budget Committee. Prior to joining COS in 1999, Ms. Abbott spent over a decade working as an economist with a public accounting firm and a Merrill Lynch subsidiary.



## **Ken Meier, Standard II (Lead)**

Ken Meier is a proud product of the California Community College System (Mt. SAC). He possesses a B.A. in History from UCLA, an M.A. in European Intellectual History from UC, Irvine, and an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Higher Education Theory and History from the University of Arizona, Tucson. He began his full-time career at Yavapai College (YC) in Prescott Arizona where he taught history, sociology, and critical thinking for 25-years. He has also taught as an adjunct faculty member at UCI, Prescott College, Northern Arizona University, and Bakersfield College. At YC he served as social science chair, liberal arts division chair, district-wide coordinator for general education and student outcomes assessment, and state co-chair of the Arizona General Education Articulation Taskforce. He has been involved in student outcomes assessment, integrated educational planning, and program review throughout his career. Meier served for two years as interim Executive Dean for Instruction and Student Services for the Yavapai District.

From 2001 to 2006, Meier served as Vice President for Student Learning and acting Vice President for Student Services at Bakersfield College where he collaborated with the Academic Senate to develop one of the first student outcomes assessment plans in California. From 2006 to 2011, he served as Vice President for Student Learning and Economic Development at Butte College in Oroville, California. He is currently serving as Vice President for Student Learning (CIO/CSSO) at College of Marin. Meier is an active higher education researcher whose work on the history of community college mission has been cited in five books on the colleges. He is a contributor to a new graduate-level textbook on the community college that will be published by Macmillan/Routledge in 2012.





## **Barbara Davis-Lymon, Standard IV**

For over 40 years my life has been dedicated to teaching and education with experiences that range from developing the first Head Start Program in California, working in Migrant Education Programs, teaching in elementary as well as adult education schools and starting an environmental education school in the Sierras. It has been a privilege to be a faculty member at Sacramento City College where as well as teaching Early Childhood Education, Sociology and Psychology I was involved in developing and team teaching in the HELP Program, an integrated basic skill-building learning community. I have had the opportunity to serve on numerous local, regional and statewide boards and commissions as the executive officer on two statewide boards and the only faculty member to chair the CACC Legislative and Finance Commission. Supporting and representing faculty at SCC has given me the opportunity to serve as Academic Senate President, Department Spokesperson, President of the Chairs Council, Chair of a Standards Committee, member of accreditation teams, Director of the Staff Resource Center, President of the Los Rios District Academic Senate as well as serving on the State Academic Senate Board. I am currently serving on the California Community Colleges Board of Governors.



### **Dr. Kay Adkins, Standard IV (Lead)**

Dr. Kay Adkins has held various executive positions in Florida and Illinois in both rural and urban community colleges. Prior to her appointment as the President of Yuba College in 2009, she served as the Provost of Columbus State Community College. She brought to Yuba College her vast experience working with business and industry, as well as secondary education and university partners. Additionally, President Adkins has a strong background in strategic planning and the accreditation processes.

Dr. Adkins received a doctorate in Educational Administration from Illinois State University. She earned a Master of Science Degree in Education and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education, both from Southern Illinois University. She is also a community college alumnus earning her Associate of Science Degree from Shawnee Community College.



## **Carmen Guerrero, Standard I (Lead)**

Graduate of a community college, Moorpark College

Dean of Career and Technical Education, 3 years

Professor of Business and Computer Information Systems, 34 years (at Moorpark, Ventura and Oxnard Colleges)

Academic Senate President at Oxnard College, 3 years

Chair of Business Department, two terms of 2 years each

Chair of Curriculum Committee, 6 years

Chair of Planning and Budget Council, 3 years

Served on various participatory governance committees

Co-Chair of Accreditation Self-Study, for different visits

Served on accreditation teams visiting seven colleges

### **In the Community:**

President of the Board, Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce, one term in 2006

Member, Board of Directors, Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce, 5 years, 2002-2007

Member, Education Committee, Santa Paula Chamber of Commerce, 2008-2010

Member of Economic Development Committee, appointed by Santa Paula City Council, 2006

Marketing Director of De Colores Art Show and Festival 2002-2010 (community event)

