

CSM Accreditation

External Evaluation Site Visit Update

*The 10-member accreditation team visit to CSM will be October 21–24, 2013
Team Headquarters: Building 18, Room 206*

Accreditation Team Visit

To prepare for this month's accreditation external evaluation site visit, College of San Mateo completed a self evaluation, which outlines our perception of the college's strengths and the ways it can be improved. The accreditation team, composed of colleagues from other community colleges throughout California and Hawaii, is now reviewing the self evaluation and the supporting documentation. In addition to this preliminary work, the team once on campus will assure the quality of our institution by talking with faculty, staff, administrators, and students; reviewing additional supporting documentation; visiting classrooms; holding open forums for input; and attending meetings of college groups that are scheduled during the visit. Based on team members' findings, the team will make recommendations on possible areas for improvement or change. All members of the campus community are welcome to speak with team members and to attend the open forums and the exit interview. See details below.

General Information

Members of the accreditation team will be wearing name tags on blue CSM lanyards. If you see members of the team on campus, please make them feel welcome. If you wish to discuss the external evaluation site visit in greater depth, call Jennifer Hughes, Laura Demsetz or Valerie Anderson. Refer to the back page for a schedule of significant events for the accreditation site visit.

Classroom Visits

Members of the accreditation team may visit classes, so don't be surprised if someone drops in.

Open Forums

The campus community is invited to attend Open Forums: **Monday, October 21, 1:00–2:00 pm** and **Tuesday, October 22, 5:00–6:00 pm**; College Center Building 10, College Heights Conference Room 468

Exit Interview

The team chair will present an oral summary of the team's preliminary findings. The campus community is invited to attend: **Thursday, October 24, 1:00 pm**; College Center Building 10, Room 195

College of San Mateo

TEAM CHAIR

Dr. José M. Ortiz, Ed.D.

Chancellor; Peralta Community College District

Dr. José M. Ortiz is chancellor of the Peralta Community College District, which includes Berkeley City College, College of Alameda, Laney College and Merritt College.

Dr. Ortiz holds a doctorate in education policy, planning and administration from the University of Maryland, College Park; a master of arts in teaching English as a second language from West Chester State University (PA); and a bachelor of arts in English from Catholic University of Puerto Rico.

Dr. Ortiz served as superintendent/president of Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria from 2005-2012. Prior to that time, he was an educational administrator in institutions of higher learning including Laney College in Oakland; Solano Community College in Fairfield; Anne Arundel Community College, Maryland; University of Maryland, University College; and University of Puerto Rico, Bayamon.



TEAM MEMBERS

Mr. Morrie Barenbaum

Professor of Astronomy; Santiago Canyon College

Morrie Barenbaum has been an astronomy professor at Santiago Canyon College (SCC) for 13 years. While at SCC, Mr. Barenbaum has sat on several governance councils (College Council, District Finance Committee) at the college and district levels. He served as the SCC Academic Senate president from 2008-2012.

Prior to his arrival at SCC, Mr. Barenbaum taught physics and AP physics for five years at Irvine High School. He has participated in conferences of the American Astronomical Society, Center for Astronomy Education, and Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. Recently, Mr. Barenbaum was appointed to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for Riverside Community College District. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his two kids.



Dr. Bonita Nahoum Jaros

Coordinator, Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment; Santa Ana College

Bonita Nahoum Jaros, Ph.D., has been an educator at Santa Ana College (SAC) since 1980. Professor of linguistics in the English Department and institutional effectiveness and assessment coordinator/accreditation liaison officer, Dr. Jaros is known not only for her work in the classroom, but also as a campus leader involved in accreditation, planning and program review. She has been integral to the development of the Vision Themes, the Strategic Plan and the Academic Portfolio Assessment/Program Review Model of the college as well as the Comprehensive Master Plan of the Rancho Santiago CCD.

Dr. Jaros has served as chair of the Curriculum and Instruction Council, Academic Senate president, co-chair of the Accreditation Oversight Committee, the Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment Committee and the district Planning and Organizational Effectiveness Committee. Dedicated to interdisciplinary issues, she also created the Teaching Learning Committee as a vehicle for regular and ongoing interdisciplinary dialogue related to SLOs and other aspects of student success and achievement.

Dr. Jaros is a regular presenter at home and at conferences, and she has published several scholarly articles. Her honors include the Distinguished Faculty Award, the Professional Achievement Award, the Publications Award and the Curriculum & Instruction Award at SAC; the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year Award, NISOD Professional Development Award, the Community College League of California Vision Award and the Chancellor's Award of the Rancho Santiago Community College District.



TEAM ASSISTANT

Mrs. Nancy Meddings

Dean, Academic Affairs; Allan Hancock College

Nancy Meddings has been at Allan Hancock College for 14 years, five of them as a faculty librarian. She currently oversees English, basic skills, distance education, the library, and learning resources. Mrs. Meddings is the college accreditation liaison officer, co-chair of the Technology Advisory Committee, and chair of the Basic Skills Committee.

Prior to her time at the college, she managed media collections for San Luis Obispo County libraries and the Santa Maria Public Library, as well as working for Warner Brothers Research in Burbank for eight years. Mrs. Meddings holds a master of science degree in library and information science from UCLA, a bachelor of arts in English from California State University Northridge, and an associate of arts in theater from Phoenix Community College in Arizona.



Dr. Irene Malmgren

Vice President, Academic Affairs; Mt. San Antonio College

Irene M. Malmgren, Ed.D., serves as the vice president of instruction at Mt. San Antonio College. As chief instructional officer, Dr. Malmgren oversees the largest division of the college and all of its instructional programs and services, including seven academic divisions and a workforce of 2,100 full- and part-time faculty, deans, managers, and staff. She is also a member of the President's Cabinet, Mt. SAC's accreditation liaison officer, and oversees strategic academic planning, research, and evaluation.



Dr. Malmgren previously managed academic affairs at Citrus College for eight years, serving as the college's accreditation liaison officer, a member of its collective bargaining team, and as a member of the Citrus College Foundation Board.

Previously, she served Santa Ana College as dean of counseling and as a professor and department chair of psychology. In addition, she presided over the Academic Senate and counseled disadvantaged students from local high schools through Santa Ana's Higher Ground Program.

Outside of education, she was a marriage and family counselor, a training and career development consultant, and a land use analyst for the City of Garden Grove.

Dr. Malmgren holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in experimental psychology from Cal State Fullerton, a master's in counseling psychology from Chapman University, and a doctorate in organizational leadership from the University of La Verne.

Dr. Katherine McLain

Dean, College Planning and Research; Cosumnes River College

Katherine McLain holds bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics and a Ph.D. in adult and post-secondary education. She currently serves as the dean of college planning and research and the equity officer at Cosumnes River College (CRC). In this capacity, Dr. McLain is responsible for supporting and providing leadership for the college's research office, planning processes, professional development programs, Center for the Advancement of Staff and Student Learning (CASSL), outcomes assessment, and cultural competence initiatives.



Prior to this assignment, Dr. McLain served as a mathematics instructor for more than 15 years and as the dean of science, mathematics and engineering at CRC for eight years. As a faculty member, she served as department chair, Title III coordinator, and chair of the Professional Standards Committee. Dr. McLain has participated on the college's planning committee for more than 10 years, and for the past seven years has provided leadership and support for the ongoing development of the college's planning and program review processes and the deeper integration of these processes with the college's budget and decision-making processes. When she is not working she enjoys kayaking, biking, hiking, gardening and playing with her six grandchildren (soon to be seven), who are all under the age of 6!

Dr. Ronald Taylor

Superintendent/President; Merced College

Dr. Taylor is superintendent/president of Merced College. He has also served as superintendent/president of Feather River College and as chief instructional officer at Chabot College and Reedley College. He began his teaching career in Kyoto, Japan, and returned to the United States to teach at the University of Virginia. He was also an English instructor at Santa Rosa Junior College, where he subsequently served as department chair and instructional dean.



Dr. Taylor has extensive experience with institutional planning and improving institutional quality, with a focus on student learning. He has served on the Community College League of California's Commission on the Future, and he has been part of several accreditation teams, and recently chaired a site visit. He holds a Ph.D. in English with linguistic emphasis from UC Berkeley.

Mr. Michael Unebasami

Associate Vice President for Administrative and Community Colleges; University of Hawai'i Community Colleges

Michael Unebasami is the University of Hawai'i (UH) Community Colleges' associate vice president for administrative affairs. He is responsible for budget and financial management; human resource management; EEO/AA; facilities planning; marketing and communications; auxiliary and commercial enterprises; emergency, safety and security; and legal and legislative affairs.



Since joining the UH in 1968, Mr. Unebasami has held various fiscal and management positions. His association with the UH community colleges began in 1980 as the director of administrative services at the Leeward campus. In 1983 he was promoted to vice chancellor for administrative affairs in the Chancellor's Office for Community Colleges. He assumed his current title in a reorganization of the UH System.

Mr. Unebasami served five years on the National Association of College and University Business Officers Board of Directors and served as president of the Western Association of College and University Business Officers in 2007. He has actively represented UH in these two national organizations since 1983. In 2005, Mr. Unebasami retired from the Hawai'i Air National Guard after 37 years of service. He received his BBA in 1968 and MBA in 1970 from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

Dr. Christopher Villa

Vice President of Student Services; Fresno City College

Dr. Christopher Villa is the vice president of student services at Fresno City College. Prior to arriving at Fresno, Dr. Villa was vice president of student support services at Long Beach City College, assistant vice president for student access and support services at Cal State Northridge, and associate dean of student services at College of the Canyons.

He received his bachelor's degree in social ecology from the University of California, Irvine, a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California, and a doctorate in educational leadership and policy from the University of Utah. In his spare time, he enjoys being with his wife, Diane, family and friends, and the family dog, Maya.



Ms. Isabelle Saber

Professor of Mathematics; Glendale Community College

Isabelle Saber is in her 16th year of teaching mathematics at Glendale Community College (GCC). During her tenure at GCC, she has served as the adjunct mentor and coordinator in her division since 2000, member on the Academic Senate, and she held a variety of positions with the Glendale College Guild, including the roles of chief negotiator (2007-10) and president (2011-13). She currently is the faculty coordinator for program review, planning, and accreditation on her campus.



Ms. Saber is a product of the California Community College system: she began her undergraduate education at GCC prior to transferring to UCLA and obtaining bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics. She is currently finishing her dissertation on the California Community College funding mechanism in the Ed.D. program at University of Southern California. She has lived and studied in three continents and is fluent in four languages.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Monday, October 21

10:00 am **Team Member Campus Tour**

1:00–2:00 pm **Open Forum**
College Center Building 10, College Heights Conference Room 468

Tuesday, October 22

5:00–6:00 pm **Open Forum**
College Center Building 10, College Heights Conference Room 468

Thursday, October 24

1:00 pm **Exit Interview**
College Center Building 10, Room 195

Interviews and classroom visits throughout the week.