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Barstow Community College Names New Interim President

Search Underway for Permanent Replacement

Barstow, Calif. – (Jan. 8, 2009) Dr. Richard A. Jones has been appointed to serve as the Interim President of Barstow Community College. The appointment was finalized at the Dec. 18 Board of Trustees meeting.

Dr. Jones spent nearly his entire career in the California community college system serving as founding president of Cerro Coso Community College (1970 – 1975). He has served as chancellor of San Bernardino Community College District (1981 – 1988), and as president/superintendent for Clark College in Vancouver, Wash. (1975 – 1981). He has held several faculty and adjunct positions within the K-12 and community college systems. Since the early 1990s, Dr. Jones has completed interim presidency positions including posts with San Jose City College, College of San Mateo, De Anza College, South Orange County CCD, Victory Valley CCD and Palomar Community College District.



Barstow Community College Board of Trustees President Phil Harris described Dr. Jones as “a great match for the short-term needs of the college.” Dr. Jones started his interim presidency position with BCC on Jan. 5 and is expected to continue through the end of the fiscal year, and possibly longer, depending on the search for the permanent college president. “My primary goals are to offer the leadership and stability the college needs from its president, and to give guidance in decision making so that the short-term and long-term interests of students are foremost,” Dr. Jones states. “To accomplish these goals means that I must do a great deal of listening and consulting,” he continues.

A public meeting is being held on Jan. 9 at 5:30 p.m. to receive public input on character traits that are desired in the next college president. The meeting will be held in the

Learning Resource Center conference room and participants will have access the college's computer lab to complete the survey.

Barstow Community College is located at 2700 Barstow Road in Barstow, Calif. For additional information regarding the public meeting and presidential search survey, please call (760) 252-2411, ext. 7350.

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