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Barstow Community College Holds Public Forums for Next College President

The College and Community Are Invited to Presentations

(Barstow, Calif. – May 15, 2009) Barstow Community College will hold forums for the final four college presidential candidates on Tuesday, May 19, in the interim Performing Arts Center on the college campus. The theme of each 30-minute presentation is “What is your current vision for the future of Barstow Community College?” Each presentation is 20 minutes followed by questions and answers by the audience/candidate. The forum begins at 2 p.m. and includes a 15-minute break between presentations.

The first candidate, Dr. Joe Olsen, has twenty-two years of educational experience having served as a college president, vice president of student and administrative services, dean of continuing education, director of special services, assistant to the president, government relations liaison/acting dean of student services, and instructor and counselor. Dr. Olsen currently serves as vice president of finance and administration at Cooper Mountain Community College.

Dr. Sharon Dyer has served her entire career in community colleges, first as an instructor and debate coach, a director of women’s programs, associate dean of continuing education, associate dean of instruction, campus vice president and president. Dr. Dyer recently retired as associate chancellor of Kern Community College District.

Local candidate Curt Mitchell has over ten years of California community college experience, specifically in the area of finance and administration. Overall, Curt has twenty-five years of senior management experience. He currently serves as the vice president of administrative services for BCC and he also served as interim college president during the 2004/05 academic school year.

Dr. Thom Armstrong has taught and served in administrative positions in community colleges throughout California for twenty years. Dr. Armstrong has taught history in the University of California system and served as division dean of social sciences for Mt. Hood Community College in Oregon. He was the college president at Copper Mountain

College from 2004 to 2007 and recently served as interim vice president of academic affairs for BCC.

Feedback forms will be handed out to each attendee at the forums. Forms will be given to the new college president to use in establishing the vision for the college.

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