

Palomar College Team Peer Review Visit Team Roster



**Dr. Chris Vitelli, Chair
Superintendent/President
Merced College**

Dr. Chris Vitelli serves as the Superintendent/President for the Merced Community College District. He has more than 14 years' experience in management and administration, including senior administration-level experience serving in various capacities, including Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Student Services Officer (CSSO), Chief Instructional Officer (CIO), and Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO). Vitelli's value of education is derived from a broad perspective of its benefits, as well as from personal experience. As a first-generation college graduate, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education and Communication at the University of Florida, a Master of Education in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy from Harvard University, and Doctor of Education at Arizona State University.



**Dr. Michael McCandless
Vice President Student Services
Merced College**

Dr. Michael McCandless serves as Vice President of Student Services for the Merced Community College District. Dr. McCandless began his career as an English faculty member for Merced College, prior to moving into administration. He has served Merced College as the Interim Dean of English, Dean of Student Equity & Success and for the past five years, as the Vice President of Student Services. Dr. McCandless holds a BA in English from UC Santa Barbara, a MA in English Literature and an EdD in Educational Leadership from CSU, Stanislaus. Dr. McCandless is also a proud product of the community college system having attended Merced College.

ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVES



Dr. Corey Marvin
Vice President of Instruction and ALO
Cerro Coso Community College

Dr. Corey Marvin has been in the community college system for over 25 years, having started as a faculty member in English at Cerro Coso Community College in 1996. He served in a variety of faculty leadership roles including curriculum chair, department chair, and academic senate president. He also served for a time as the college's IT director. He has been the vice president of instruction for 10 years and has the following areas under his responsibility: letters and sciences, career and technical education, distance education, dual and concurrent enrollment, the incarcerated student education program, and institutional research. Corey leads the college's institutional effectiveness committee and is Cerro Coso's accreditation liaison officer.



Dr. Veronica Ogata
Student Success Coordinator & Program Coordinator
Kapiolani Community College

Dr. Veronica Ogata holds a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and possesses over 25 years of experience in curriculum, instruction, program development, assessment, and academic support at the state, system, and campus levels. She has developed, taught, and assessed courses in multiple disciplines; and has built, articulated, and established degree and certificate programs in both liberal arts and career technical education. Dr. Ogata currently holds two roles at Kapi'olani Community College (KapCC). As the Education Program Coordinator she collaborates with a team of faculty to prepare students who want to be teachers in Hawai'i. She is the lead instructional faculty and academic advisor for this program. As the Student Success Coordinator for KapCC, Dr. Ogata works closely with faculty, staff, and administrators across the institution to implement the College's Student Success Pathway framework across all departments, programs, and units. She tracks and monitors their Student Success Plans and has been instrumental in aligning the Student Success Pathway framework to the College's Strategic Plan, program reviews, and resource allocations.

ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVES



Mr. William Turini
Political Science Instructor
Madera Community College

William Turini began his career in the California community college system as a part-time political science instructor in several central California districts in 1997. He became a full-time instructor in Fall 2001, teaching at the Reedley campus of Reedley College before transferring to the college's center in Madera in 2014. In addition to his teaching duties, Mr. Turini served as an officer for his college's Academic Senate for over 10 years (three of those as president), held elected positions with his district's faculty union on four different occasions, acted as department chair for four terms, twice served as his college's Accreditation Faculty Coordinator, has chaired his college's Standard IV response team three times, and contributed to crafting several district policies and regulations as well as college procedures and practices.



Ms. María Villagómez
Senior Dean, Language Arts, Library, Social Sciences, Distance Education
Napa Valley College

María L. Villagómez is goal-oriented, responsive, and adept at redirecting her attention between the details, and the 'big' picture of an issue. She is a recognized leader and innovator with over 20 years of experience in increasingly responsible positions in the community college system. María's commitment to student success in higher education is exemplary. She holds high academic standards and expectations. She understands the essential nexus between the classroom experience and administration. Her primary strength is her ability to take initiative, to think pro-actively, and get the college "ahead of the curve" in terms of anticipating and organizing change. María has brought an educator's insight into her administrative roles along several dimensions. María holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Spanish Literature and a Master's degree in Curriculum, Teaching and Learning with an emphasis in Educational Leadership. María taught Spanish Language and Literature courses at Napa Valley College for over 18 years, a role for which she won the McPherson Distinguished Teaching Award in 2015. She served as President, 1st Vice President and Grievance Officer for the Faculty Association and as 1st Vice President for the Academic Senate. Currently, María is Senior Dean of Language Arts, Social Sciences, Distance Education and the Library at Napa Valley College and a board member for ACCCA.

ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVES



Dr. Ann Wright
Instructor, Biological Sciences
Hartnell College

Dr. Ann Wright has taught biology at Hartnell College since 2001 and specializes in microbiology, physiology, and cell biology. Dr. Wright has devoted most of my energy over the last couple of years to helping students continue their education in these challenging times; in her case, that included learning to teach microbiology online. Additionally, she has held leadership positions over the years in the faculty union and in the Academic Senate, and is a long-standing member of the curriculum committee. She has also worked on grant-funded projects, being a co-PI on a couple of them, to develop opportunities in STEM at Hartnell. Dr. Wright was also instrumental in helping to convert Hartnell to a compressed calendar, just in time to coincide with the pandemic.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPRESENTATIVES



Mrs. Minerva Flores
Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Research and Grants
Mendocino College

Minerva Flores has served as the Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Research, Equity and Grants at Mendocino College since the fall of 2013. She previously spent 11 years working with U.S. Department of Education grants, focusing on migrant and seasonal pursuing degrees in higher education. Minerva has also served as an adjunct instructor, teaching Spanish, Chicano Studies and College and Career Success courses at both two and four year institutions. Currently, Minerva works in various research and institutional effectiveness capacities, as well as writing state, federal and international grants for Mendocino College. In collaboration with instruction and student services, Minerva facilitates equity and anti-racist professional development workshops with Mendocino College faculty and classified staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPRESENTATIVES



Dr. Roberto Gonzalez
Vice President of Student Services
West Los Angeles College

Dr. Roberto Gonzalez serves as the Vice President of Student Services at West Los Angeles College. West Los Angeles College is one of nine colleges in the Los Angeles Community College District. He is responsible for the overall leadership of the College's student support services and programs serving over 12,000 students. Dr. Gonzalez obtained his bachelor's degree in History from the University of California, Los Angeles, his master's degree in Counseling from California State University, Long Beach and Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Southern California.



Dr. Kelly Hall
Assistant Superintendent/Vice President
Southwestern College

Dr. Kelly Hall has served as the Chief Business Officer for Southwestern Community College District in San Diego County since August, 2019. She previously spent over a decade in the Coachella Valley with College of the Desert where she began as an adjunct instructor. Since then, Kelly has served as a tenured faculty member in business and accounting, Faculty Association Vice President, Faculty Chair, Academic Senate President, and an Academic Dean. Before moving into higher education, Dr. Hall was the Chief Financial Officer at Western Railroad Supply, Inc., in San Bernardino.

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Dr. Catherine Webb
Vice President
Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges /
Western Association of Schools and Colleges

Catherine Webb joined the ACCJC team in August 2020. Throughout her career, Dr. Webb has a demonstrated commitment to practices for organizational development and continuous improvement that lead to equitable learning, teaching, and student success. Since joining the California Community College system in 2010, she has gained in-depth experience with ACCJC accreditation practices through administrative and faculty positions related to accreditation and institutional effectiveness. Most recently, she was Senior Dean of College Planning & Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) at Grossmont College, where she provided administrative leadership for accreditation, strategic and annual unit planning, program review processes, and outcomes assessment. Prior to that, Dr. Webb was a faculty librarian and ALO at Monterey Peninsula College (MPC); she also served as the founding dean of MPC's Office of Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness. She holds a B.A. in Music and English from Illinois Wesleyan University, an M.A. in the History and Theory of Music from the University of Chicago, an MLIS from Dominican University (River Forest, Illinois), and an Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership from Brandman University.