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**ACCJC Presidential Transition Update**

**Novato, CA** – Today, the Board of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) met to discuss the transition plan following the announcement of President Droker’s resignation in early November. The Board is pleased to announce that Dr. Cindy Miles will be joining ACCJC as Interim President effective December 10, 2021.



Dr. Cindy Miles’ higher education career spans three decades, five states, and myriad roles, including teaching, fundraising, student support, research, association leadership, and 15 years as CEO. For 11 years, she led the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (CA) and was named Chancellor Emerita upon retiring in 2019.

Previously she served as founding president of the Hialeah Campus-Miami Dade College (FL), vice president/chief operating officer of the League for Innovation in the Community College (international headquarters in AZ), vice president of learning and academic affairs for Community College of Denver (CO), and faculty member at Paris Junior College (TX). Across all her roles, Dr. Miles brings a commitment to equity-minded success, organizational quality, and inclusive leadership. Dr. Miles holds a Ph.D. in educational administration and a B.A. in biology from the University of Texas at Austin.

“I am excited to be joining the ACCJC Team. As Interim President, I look forward to working with ACCJC staff and Commissioners to support member institutions in advancing educational quality and to facilitate a productive transition period as the Board works to select its new permanent President”, said Dr. Miles.

In addition to selecting an Interim President, the Board is launching an executive search process for the permanent President.

“I am happy that Dr. Cindy Miles will be stepping into the role of President of ACCJC and I know that Dr. Miles will be working together with ACCJC staff in the next month to ensure a smooth transition and continued momentum on all of ACCJC’s current initiatives”, said Dr. Sonya Christian, ACCJC Chair. “Knowing the strength of the team at ACCJC and feeling confident in the leadership of Dr. Miles, the quality work, positive direction, and collaborative spirit will continue. Moreover, the ACCJC Board looks forward to engaging in a thoughtful and prudent formal executive search beginning in the new year”.

President Droker’s resignation will be effective January 7, 2022. The ACCJC Board of Directors will continue to share information about the executive search process as it becomes available.

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