

ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

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To: Chancellors, Superintendents, Presidents, and Accreditation Liaison Officers

From: Ian Walton, Chair San Walton Richard Winn, President Kuhunstlin

RE: Commission Membership Change

We are announcing a change in the membership of the ACCJC Commission. Several of our Commissioners are designated by ACCJC Bylaws as representing certain sectors of our member institutions. Until recently, the independent institutions were represented by Commissioner Danika Bowen, Provost and Vice President for Carrington Colleges. Upon making a career change to an institution outside ACCJC's scope, Dr. Bowen recently resigned her membership.

Per ACCJC Bylaws (Article III, Section 3), the Nominating Committee has the discretion to either recommend to the Commission a replacement to serve the remaining term or to wait until the next election cycle to replace the vacancy. The Committee recommended to the Commission that it appoint Michael Zimmerman, President of MTI College in Sacramento, to serve as the successor to Commissioner Bowen and to complete her term of service. On October 15, the Commission voted to accept this recommendation.

Mr. Zimmerman brings experience as a comprehensive visit peer reviewer. His service as a Commissioner begins immediately and the Commission looks forward to his participation in upcoming events this month which include the New Commissioner Orientation and Commission Development Workshop.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Zimmerman to this important role.