



Office of the  
President

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Dear Colleagues,

With mixed emotions, I announce the resignation of Rick Miranda, Vice President of Academic Affairs/Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Miranda accepted a position with Irvine Valley College as Vice President for Instruction. With Rick at the academic helm for over 10 years, we have seen Cerritos College thrive. His good-humored, creative perspective has helped us collaborate across campus in various ways. The role of vice president is a particularly challenging one, and Mr. Miranda serves with professionalism and dedication.

It has been a pleasure to work side-by-side with Rick, and I will miss his affable personality here on campus. I am grateful for our continued friendship, and I would like to thank Rick for his persistence, upbeat determination, and commitment to our students, employees, and community.

Please join me in wishing Mr. Miranda the very best on his new endeavor and thanking him for his dedication to our students. His last day will be June 30. Upon his departure from the college, I am pleased to share that Dr. Wei Zhou, our current Interim Dean of Academic Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, has agreed to fill the role of Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Zhou has over 15 years of experience within the California Community Colleges system and has served in various academic roles, including as Vice President of Instruction at Cuyamaca College and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Copper Mountain College. Many of you have already had the opportunity to meet Dr. Zhou since his arrival to campus last week. Please join me in giving Dr. Zhou a warm welcome to our Cerritos College family.

Jose Fierro, D.V.M., Ph.D.  
President/Superintendent