

Dr. Jose Fierro
President's Message
June 7, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

At the end of this month, we will officially say farewell to 73 members of the Cerritos College family who accepted the Supplemental Employee Retirement Plan (SERP). In total, 34 classified, 34 faculty, and five managers – with a cumulative total of 1,900 years of service to the district – will proudly transition into the next stage of their lives. All of these great employees have contributed so much to the success of our campus and they leave behind a tremendous legacy of service to this great district. While their departure leaves us with some challenges, the College remains committed to making the transition as seamless as we can in order to maintain our commitment to student success and to creating a work environment that is as stable and strong as possible. I acknowledge that the transition may cause some feelings of concern and uncertainty, but I want to assure you that we are working hard to ensure that our plans cover gaps in leadership and staffing. However, I must be honest. There will be a few bumps in the road as we move forward. I want to thank you for your continued patience with this process as we transition into a new direction for the College.

To ensure campus leadership stability, the Board voted to approve the following positions during tonight's board meeting (June 6) until permanent replacements are made:

- Kim Westby, Acting Vice President of Student Services/Assistant Superintendent
- Dr. Frank Mixson, Acting Dean of Liberal Arts
- Russ May, Acting Dean of Health, Physical Education, Dance and Athletics
- Stephanie Rodriguez, Interim Dean of Science, Engineering and Mathematics
- Clara Potes-Fellow, Interim Executive Director, Cerritos College Foundation and Community Advancement

All appointments are effective July 1st. I am looking forward to working with the individuals above in their new roles; please join me in congratulating them. As we begin our official search to fill these positions, I will provide you with more information as the process moves forward. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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