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Rowena M. Tomaneng named president of Berkeley City College

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, the Board of Trustees of the Peralta Community College District appointed Rowena M. Tomaneng to serve as president of Berkeley City College. Tomaneng's appointment comes following the departure of the previous president, Deborah Budd, who accepted the position of Chancellor of the San Jose-Evergreen Community College District earlier this year. Tomaneng will assume her post on August 1, 2016.

"I am extremely happy that the Trustees have appointed Ms. Tomaneng and look forward to working with her on some of the key issues facing Berkeley City College, in particular, and the Peralta Colleges in general," said District Chancellor Jewel C. Laguerre, Ph.D.

"Ms. Tomaneng has the background, leadership skills and the temperament to lead BCC at this time," he added. "We are happy to have her join the dynamic faculty, staff and administrators at BCC to continue and amplify the quality education and services they provide."

Tomaneng has been the Associate Vice President of Instruction at De Anza College in Cupertino, Calif., for six years. She has overseen the Academic Services Division (including the Office of Equity, Social Justice and Multicultural Education), the Office of Professional Development and Pathways programs, such as the Learning Communities of Umoja, Puente, and First Year Experience, as well as the Vasconcellos Institute for Democracy in Action, formerly the Institute for Community and Civic Engagement, where, in 2006, she was a founding co-director and developed a range of community and educational partnerships.

Tomaneng has also overseen collaborative units at the De Anza, including the Learning Resources Division, consisting of Online Education, the Library and the Student Success Center. She holds leadership roles in state initiatives, including both the Student Equity and Student Success and Support Programs. She has obtained and administered state and federal grants, including the Basic Skills Initiative, Asian American/Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions and Title III: Strengthening Institutions. Tomaneng has worked on faculty and district-wide administrative teams for many years, leading and developing program reviews and accreditation documents. In 2013, she won the statewide Association of California Community College Administrators' Administrative Leadership Excellence Award, nominated by faculty in Academic Services.

Previously, Tomaneng served for over two years as Interim Dean of De Anza's Language Arts Division, which includes 50 full-time and 140 adjunct faculty members, and offers 85 courses in the English Department, ranging from basic skills to multicultural literatures, as well as the departments of ESL, Journalism, Reading and Speech. She was English Department chair for the preceding three years and led initiatives to foster equity in faculty hiring and cultural competency. Tomaneng was a full-time English instructor at De Anza College from 1996-2010, teaching all levels of composition and literature. She has participated extensively in curriculum development and developed various community and educational partnerships.

Tomaneng is actively engaged in culturally focused local, regional and national organizations and has led advocacy campaigns. She has written and contributed to a variety of publications and currently serves on the advisory board to the Association of American Colleges and Universities. Upon completion of her dissertation on the educational dimensions of Filipina migrant workers' activist identities, Tomaneng is scheduled to receive her doctorate in International/Multicultural Education, with a concentration in Human Rights Education from the University of San Francisco in December. She holds a master's degree in English from UC Santa Barbara and a bachelor's degree in English from UC Irvine.

Ramona Butler named EOPS/CARE coordinator

Ramona Butler was named EOPS/CARE coordinator for BCC, Dean Brenda Johnson announced. She has served as interim coordinator since summer 2015. A graduate of BCC's PACE Program, she earned her bachelor's degree from California State University, East Bay and participated in PCCD's Leadership Succession Program.

Dr. Joseph J. Bielanski, Jr. appointed to third term on Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

Dr. Joseph J. Bielanski, Jr. has been appointed to a third term on the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, Erik F. Skinner, interim chancellor for the State Chancellor's Office, announced.

"Dr. Bielanski brings a tremendous amount of knowledge, experience and expertise to our Board of Governors and I'm pleased Gov. Brown continues to recognize his key role and many contributions to the California community colleges," Skinner said. "Dr. Bielanski's insight about our system is invaluable as the board continues to craft policies dedicated to improving educational access, opportunities and success for our 2.1 million students."

Bielanski is articulation officer at Berkeley City College and is a past president of the Peralta Community College District Academic Senate (DAS). In his role as a past president of the DAS, he assists with district institutional effectiveness projects, including facilitating the updating of district board policies and administrative procedures. He served as DAS president from 2004 to 2009 and as president of the Berkeley City College Academic Senate from 2003 to 2009. He also served and continues to serve on various college and district committees, including the college's curriculum committee and Peralta's Planning and Budgeting Council (PBC). He also is a member of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC).

In 2013, Bielanski was appointed by the ASCCC to the California State University (CSU) system's General Education Advisory Committee in his role as a community college articulation officer. He also served on CSU's steering committee for the "Give Students a Compass" initiative. He has worked in the Peralta Community College district for over 25 years, where he began as a counselor for Disabled Students Programs and Services. Dr. Bielanski received his doctorate in education from St. Mary's College of California. Congratulations, Joseph!

New home for BCC's Veterans' Resources Center

Berkeley City College's Veterans' Resources Center has a new home. It has moved from 2070 Allston Way to 2050 Center St., 3rd Floor, Rm. 347, directly behind the college's EOPS/CARE offices. Questions? Contact Jennifer Lenahan at jlenahan@peralta.edu.

Berkeley City College June 20-July 6, 2016 Calendar

- **Mon., June 20—**
Summer Session begins.
10 a.m.-Noon, B. Johnson Meeting, Rms. 451A&B
2-4 p.m., Blue Phone Meeting
- **Tue., June 21—**
2-3:30 p.m., Student Services, Rms. 451A&B
- **Wed., June 22—**
6-9 p.m., Minimum Wage Meeting, Rms. 451A&B
- **Sun., June 26—**
 - Last Day to Drop Regular Session Classes and Receive a Refund
 - Last Day to Drop Regular Session Classes without a "W" Appearing on Transcripts
 - Last Day to Add Classes
- **Wed., June 29—**
9:30-11 a.m., President's Cabinet, Rms. 451A&B
11 a.m.-Noon, VP Student Services Meeting, Rms. 451A&B
- **Thur., June 30—**
 - Census Day
 - Last Day to File for Pass/No Pass Grading Option
 - Last Day to File Petitions for AA/AS Degree or Certificate
- **Mon., July 4—**
Holiday—Independence Day
- **Tue., July 5—**
2-3:30 p.m., Student Services, Rms. 451A&B
- **Wed., July 6—**
9:30-11 a.m., President's Cabinet, Rms. 451A&B
11 a.m.-Noon, VP Student Services Meeting, Rms. 451A&B
6:30-9:30 p.m., Labor Fest Film: "The Hand that Feeds," BCC Auditorium

Note: Berkeley City College is Closed Fridays thru Sundays during Summer Session (June 20-Aug. 21)

BCC welcomes Joe Bay, AV/Multimedia specialist

Joe Bay has been named Berkeley City College's audiovisual/multimedia specialist, Tram Vo-Kumamoto, vice president of instruction, announced. Bay most recently served in a similar role at Oakland's Samuel Merritt University and has provided AV support for events at major Bay Area universities and for major court proceedings. Contact him at jbay@peralta.edu or visit AV on the 3rd floor, Rm. 357.

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