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El Camino College Compton Center Announces New Provost

El Camino College Compton Community Educational Center and the Compton Community College District appointed a new permanent Provost/CEO at a special board meeting June 4.

Dr. Lawrence M. Cox was named the new Provost/CEO, overseeing daily operations at the Compton campus. Cox, most recently the provost of Stark State College of Technology in Ohio, will begin his new post July 1.

“Dr. Cox is a proven leader in academic administration, institutional research and strategic planning,” said Dr. Thomas M. Fallo, El Camino College Superintendent/President. “His skills and strengths are well-suited for the Compton Center provost position and we welcome him to the Compton campus.”

Cox was selected from a group of three finalists for the provost position. A search firm recruited qualified candidates nationwide, working with a Compton Center provost search committee representing administrators, faculty, staff, students, and the Compton Community College District, as well as one Equal Employment Opportunity representative.

After a “paper screening” process, candidates were invited to interview with the entire search committee. Three finalists were selected and invited to participate in a public forum. Each candidate had the opportunity to introduce himself and answer a few questions. All three forums were video recorded.

Dr. Fallo and Compton Community College District Special Trustee Peter Landsberger then interviewed the three finalists before an appointment was made.

“Working with all Compton Center constituent groups, we were able to find the right person for the provost position, and we look to Dr. Cox to guide Compton Center toward a successful future,” said Landsberger.

Cox has more than 25 years of academic experience and leadership. He has served as an educational and research consultant; from 1995-2002, he was president of Olive-

Harvey College in Chicago; and from 1990-94 he was president of Shelby State Community College in Memphis.

He has a bachelor's degree in education, a master's in educational psychology and a doctorate in sociology, all from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Cox is a graduate of the Institute of Management at Harvard University and has participated in the Yale School of Management for Leadership and the American Association of Community Colleges Leadership Academy.

Cox joins Compton Center as enrollment continues to grow, with considerable progress in the vocational education area.

Vocational education course success rates have increased over the past few years, and expanded course offerings are making a college education even more accessible to area residents. The Compton campus has been serving the community since 1927.

Cox will replace Dr. Doris P. Givens, who served as interim provost since 2006, when Compton Center was established. After Compton College lost its accreditation, an agreement was reached between the El Camino Community College District and the Compton Community College District that provides accredited instructional and related support to the Compton campus, with the primary intent toward recovery and full accreditation. At the Compton campus, the Office of the President/Superintendent was replaced by the Office of Provost/Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Through the agreement, residents of the Compton community continue to have access to university transfer and vocational education opportunities, as well as financial aid, basic skills courses and related support services right in their own neighborhood.

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