

# Accreditation Site Visit Team 2008



**Dr. John S. Nixon (Team Chair)**  
**President, Mt. San Antonio College**

Dr. John S. Nixon is President/CEO of the largest single campus community college in California with over 2,900 employees and over 40,000 students. Dr. Nixon is a career educator and administrator who served as Mt. SAC's Vice President of Instruction from 2004 until 2007. Before joining Mt. SAC, Dr. Nixon served as Vice President of Academic Affairs and as Interim President at Santa Ana College. He previously served the College as Associate Dean of Humanities and Assistant Dean of Continuing Education. Dr. Nixon has held statewide leadership roles, including co-chair of the System Advisory Committee on Curriculum, the statewide Basic Skills Advisory Committee, and as President of the California Community College Chief Instructional Officers Association. Dr. Nixon earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees in English at the University of California, Irvine and his Ph.D. in English at the University of Southern California.



**Diana Casteel (Team Assistant)**  
**Executive Assistant to the President & Board of Trustees**  
**Mt. San Antonio College**

Diana has served her entire professional career in public education. For the past 16 years, she has served as the Executive Assistant to the President & Board of Trustees at Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC). Prior to coming to Mt. SAC, Diana worked at the Tehama County Office of Education, the Humboldt County Office of Education, the Glendora Unified School District, and the Rowland Unified School District. This is Diana's second opportunity to serve as an Accreditation Visiting Team Assistant. Last year Diana served as the Team Assistant for a visit to Honolulu Community College.



**Katherine McLain (Standard I)**  
**Dean, College Planning & Research**  
**Cosumnes River College**

Katherine McLain has been employed in the community college system for over 20 years and has been at Cosumnes River College in Sacramento for most of her career. A former community college student, she earned a BS and MS degree in mathematics at San Jose State University, pursued continuing education in technology and ethnic studies at Sacramento State University, and is in the process of completing her dissertation in preparation for earning a PhD in Adult and Postsecondary Education from Capella University. She has been an adjunct math teacher, a full time mathematics professor, Dean of Science, Mathematics and Engineering, and is currently Dean of College Planning and Research. When Kathy is not working she enjoys bicycling, kayaking, hiking, bird watching and visiting her 8 month old grandson.



**Judith Branzburg (Standard I)**  
**Professor**  
**Pasadena City College**

Judith Branzburg is a Professor in the English Division at Pasadena City College, where she has taught composition at all levels. Dr. Branzburg has also taught literature and worked with adjunct instructors for seventeen years. She also participated in a number of study abroad programs. Dr. Branzburg received a Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts/Amherst. The visit to Ohlone will be her sixth accreditation team visit.



**Janet McCulloch (Standard I)**  
**English Instructor**  
**Santa Rosa Junior College**

Janet McCulloch has been an English Instructor at Santa Rosa Junior College for the last sixteen years as both Regular and Adjunct Faculty, and has taught at Mendocino College in Ukiah and Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park. In the English Department she has served as Developmental Coordinator supervising eleven classified staff and developing the department's curriculum below the Freshman Level. For the last five years she has served as the president of the All Faculty Association, the faculty's exclusive bargaining agent. In this capacity she sat on many of the District's governance committees. Additionally, she has served on the Curriculum Review Committee and co-chaired a cluster technical review sub-committee of that committee.



**Ed Knudson (Standard II)**  
**Vice President, Academic Affairs**  
**Bakersfield College**

Ed Knudson Serves as the Chief Instructional Officer of Bakersfield College. He entered higher education from private industry in 1989. Mr. Knudson served on the faculty of Oregon State University, the University of Georgia, Western Oregon University, and Linn Benton Community College. He also served as Faculty President and Faculty Department Chair before entering administration in 1998. Previously served as Dean of Economic and Workforce Development at Bakersfield College from 2002-2006.

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**Martin Spring (Standard II)**  
**Dean, Counseling & Special Services, Mira Costa College**

Dr. Martin Spring is currently the Dean of Counseling and Special Services at Mira Costa College. He also served as the dean of the San Elijo Campus of Mira Costa for five years. He came to Mira Costa after serving as a teacher, counselor, school psychologist, and administrator in the K-12 system. He has taught educational psychology at U.C. Riverside, CSU San Bernardino, and U.C. San Diego. He served on accreditation visits at Alan Hancock, Victor Valley, Moorpark, and L.A. Valley.



**Dan Petersen (Standard II)**  
**English Instructor, Hartnell College**

Dan Petersen holds degrees in rhetoric and English literature, and has taught English at the college level since 1984. Since 1991 he has been at Hartnell College in Salinas, where he is happy to do a little bit of everything--composition, literature, film, and critical thinking. Dan is a veteran of six previous accreditation Visiting Teams.



**Susan Clifford (Standard III)**  
**Dean, Health Sciences Division**  
**Pasadena City College**

Susan Clifford currently serves as the Dean of the Health Sciences Division at Pasadena City College, an instructional division which includes which includes 5 nursing programs and 5 allied health programs. Previous to this assignment she was the Fullerton College as Dean of Academic Services for 7 years and Interim Executive Vice President for one. Before her tenure at Fullerton College she served at Pasadena City College as Professor and Program Director in Dental Hygiene. Dr. Clifford holds a Bachelor's of Science in Dental Hygiene, Masters in Vocational Education, and a Doctorate in Educational Administration.



**Noemi Kanouse (Standard III)**  
**Assistant Vice Chancellor, Fiscal Services**  
**Rancho Santiago Community College District**

Noemi Kanouse has worked in two large districts for over 27 years and is familiar with all aspects of community college administration in California. Ms. Kanouse serves as chief budget officer and assistant chief financial and business officer at Rancho Santiago with prime responsibility with providing support services including administrative leadership over the institution financial operations, acting liaison with colleges on financial operations and facilities management of bond proceeds. Ms Kanouse oversees the reporting of enrollment data to the Chancellor's Office and interacts with IT for any program or software development. In addition, Ms. Kanouse served for three years as the Vice President of Administrative Services at Santa Ana College and managed all functions of Maintenance and Operations, construction projects, remodeling and budgeting for the college.



**Glenn Roquemore (Standard IV)**  
**President, Irvine Valley College**

Dr. Glenn Roquemore is President of Irvine Valley College. Prior to accepting this position he served in the following administrative assignments at this institution: Interim President, Vice President of Instruction, Interim Vice President of Instruction, Dean of Advanced Technology, Interim Dean of Advanced Technology, Interim Vice President of Student Services, and Chair – School of Physical Sciences and Technologies. He has also served as Professor of Geology. His academic preparation includes a Doctor of Philosophy in Geology, and Geophysics from the University of Nevada, a Masters and Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from California State University at Fresno.



**Barbara Vineyard (Standard IV)**  
**Trustee, Sierra College**

Barbara Vineyard has been a member of the Board of Trustees at Sierra College since 1981. She has been an active member of at least 4 self studies at Sierra, co-chairing standards twice. She has served on 6 previous visiting accreditation teams. Barbara is active on the Sierra College Patrons organization supporting Arts and Humanities, actively supports Athletics and is also a member of the Sierra College Foundation and Alumni Association.