

SBCCD names new presidents for Crafton Hills, SBVC

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The Board of Trustees of the San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) named Dr. Wei Zhou as the new president of Crafton Hills College (CHC) and Diana Rodriguez as the new president for San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) at its regular meeting on June 9. Both will start their positions in early July.

SBCCD Board President John Longville said, "Finding two such qualified candidates for our campuses is tantamount to hitting a home run with the bases loaded. The Board is very pleased to have been able to provide our colleges and the community with strong, competent individuals who will keep the best interests of students in mind during these very complex times."

Chancellor Bruce Baron said, "I am looking forward to working with both Dr. Zhou and Ms. Rodriguez as we start our new academic year. Both are innovative, creative leaders with impressive backgrounds who are dedicated to student success. They are positive, hard-working and will work well with the various shareholders on their respective campuses."

Both presidents expressed excitement about their new assignments.

"I am honored to serve as the president of San Bernardino Valley College," said Rodriguez. "This is a homecoming for me, since I was a counselor at SBVC. SBVC is a dynamic institution with excellent faculty, staff and administrators committed to transforming the lives of our students. I'm excited to join the Valley College team and to work with the community to move the college forward."



Diana Rodriguez

Diana Rodriguez, the new president of San Bernardino Valley College.

Zhou joined her, saying, "I am also so pleased by the opportunity to serve as the president of Crafton Hills College, an institution with a terrific reputation for bringing out the best in its students. I am looking forward to working with the innovative faculty and staff to expand the comprehensive nature of the college and to providing clear pathways to lead our students to achieve their educational goals."

Under the general direction of the chancellor, the college president plans, organizes, coordinates, directs and administers all departments, programs, activities, budgets and personnel of the college; implements District policies and procedures as they affect college activities; represents the college to the community and directs the development of quality educational programs; participates in the development, review and addressing of general District policies; performs related duties as required.

Diana Rodriguez currently serves as the vice president of student services at Las Positas College in the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District. She has over 25 years of higher education experience with nine of those years in senior leadership positions. Prior to joining the Las Positas team, she was the vice president of student services at Palo Verde College. She has served as a tenured faculty member at San Bernardino Valley College within the counseling department and taught courses in student development and human development; while at Palo Verde College she taught courses in organizational leadership and marketing.

Rodriguez has earned an associate's degree from Palo Verde College in liberal arts, a bachelor's degree in marketing, a master's degree in business administration, and a master's degree in education from CSU, San Bernardino.

Zhou is vice president of instruction at Cuyamaca College, in the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District. He has also served as interim president at the college, vice president at Copper Mountain College, dean at Evergreen Valley College, and a variety of teaching, research and administrative assignments at two and four-year institutions. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin.

The San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) is one of 72 community college districts within the California Community College system, the largest educational system in the world, which encompasses 113 community colleges. The SBCCD has a 90-year history of providing its community and students with quality and affordable vocational certificates, associate's degrees, and preparation for transfer to a four-year college or university through San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) and Crafton Hills College (CHC). In addition, the Economic Development and Corporate Training Division (PDC) and KVCR TV-FM provide professional development and cultural and educational information to the community at large.