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KEY APPOINTMENTS BY CHANCELLOR RODRIGUEZ CONFIRMED BY BOARD

LOS ANGELES—Two key personnel appointments made by Los Angeles Community College District Chancellor Francisco C. Rodriguez were confirmed by the District’s Board of Trustees during the Board’s regularly scheduled meeting July 11.

The Chancellor’s appointments as confirmed by the Board include:

- Melina Nish, Ed.D., as Interim Deputy Chancellor
- Seher Awan, Ed.D., as President for Los Angeles Southwest College

“We welcome Dr. Nish and Dr. Awan to our LACCD family. Both exemplify the outstanding professional and academic qualities we expect for our District leaders. I look forward to working with them,” Chancellor Rodriguez said.

Dr. Melinda Nish most recently was the Interim Associate Superintendent/Vice President, Academic Affairs, at Allan Hancock College, a public community college in Santa Maria, California. Prior to Allan Hancock College, Dr. Nish was Executive Advisor to the President and Acting Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at the College of the Marshall Islands from 2016 to 2018.

Dr. Nish’s appointment as Interim Deputy Chancellor extends to June 30, 2019 during which time the District will conduct a search for a new permanent hire. She previously was Superintendent-President of Southwestern College in Chula Vista, California, from 2012 to 2016, and, prior, served in many different teaching, executive, administrative positions in the academic arena including at Orange Coast College, American College of Switzerland, Salt Lake Community College, Webster University and Westminster University.

Dr. Awan was appointed to serve as President of Los Angeles Southwest College effective July 16, 2018 through June 30, 2021. She replaces Denise Noldon, Ph.D., who served as Interim President of the college.

Dr. Awan has more than 12 years of community college experience, including most recently as Vice President of Administrative Services at San Diego City College. While there, as the chief business and financial officer, she oversaw the college’s budget development, including \$60 million in general and restricted funds plus its \$450 million bond spending plans. Before San Diego City College, Dr. Awan was the Business Services Supervisor and Acting Vice President of Administrative Services at San Jose College and Accounts Payable Coordinator at Valencia College in Orlando, Florida. **(See companion news release from Southwest College.)**

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