



Dear Colleagues,

The selection of the next Grossmont College president has been an extremely difficult decision, weighing the strengths of three excellent candidates along with the needs of the college. After lengthy and careful deliberation, I am pleased to announce that Denise Whisenhunt, J.D., has been selected as the next president of Grossmont College.

As Vice President of Student Services at San Diego City College since 2013, Ms. Whisenhunt has demonstrated that she has an engaging style of leadership and works collaboratively with all groups to promote the best interests of the college. She leads by example, playing a visible role on the campus and is willing to take on any task large or small to ensure the success of students and the institution.



With the many challenges facing our District as we emerge from the pandemic and build back enrollment, Ms. Whisenhunt will bring a fresh perspective toward building a strong future. The Governing Board members and I are confident that Ms. Whisenhunt can offer exemplary leadership for Grossmont College.

Ms. Whisenhunt has extensive experience in education and as a college leader. During her tenure at San Diego City College, she served for 14 months beginning in May 2016 as Interim President until a permanent president was hired. She has extensive experience with enrollment management and a comprehensive understanding of the support services that students need to reach their education goals.

Ms. Whisenhunt earned her law degree from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and a bachelor's degree in political science and English literature from the University of California at San Diego.

I will be formally announcing Ms. Whisenhunt's selection to the Governing Board on Tuesday. She is expected to begin serving as President on July 1.

I want to thank Dr. Marsha Gable for her excellent service as Interim President during this time. She has led the college admirably these past months, providing strong leadership for the accreditation follow-up site visit and the many complexities for planning to return to campus.

I look forward to continuing to have a strong team guiding Grossmont College toward a bright future.

Sincerely,

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