Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Lorraine Morales, Ed.D., a student-centered educator who for more than a decade has served with great distinction as an administrator at four PCC campuses and the District Office, as the new President of our Community Campus.

Dr. Morales’ career at Pima has been marked by a deep commitment to students. That dedication, as well as a recognized ability to lead and collaborate in a variety of settings, will make her an important member of the College’s leadership team. As we enter a critical period in the reaccreditation process, Lorraine’s students-first approach and her expertise in College operations, policies and goals will prove especially valuable.

Lorraine, currently Vice President of Instruction at East Campus, has experience at the highest levels of College management. As Acting President of Community Campus, she stepped in to provide seamless leadership for the campus’ multifaceted functions, while creating partnerships and providing leadership in securing alternative funding sources. As Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Services, she oversaw a complete redesign of student services at PCC’s campuses, led comprehensive staffing reviews and implemented a college-wide student ambassador program.

In her positions as vice president/dean, Lorraine has built administrative leadership in numerous areas, overseen successful grant applications and the opening of new campus facilities, developed Student Life manuals and protocols that later were adopted college-wide, led district-wide initiatives in academic advising, and assisted other community colleges in developing admission and registrar functions.

Lorraine’s education journey personifies dedication and the transformative power of education. After receiving her high school equivalency, Dr. Morales earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services from Western New Mexico University, a master’s degree in Higher Education/Student Development from The University of Arizona and a Doctorate in Education, Educational Leadership, from Northern Arizona University. Lorraine is keenly aware of the effect that educational achievement can have on families, as her own story has helped inspire her loved ones to greater accomplishment.

Lorraine is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, and was named Administrator of the Year for her work as Vice President/Dean of Student Development at Northwest Campus. Lorraine also is involved in important community initiatives, and currently serves on the City of Tucson Bond Advisory Committee, Women Leading United Executive Committee, as well as the Workforce Investment Board Planning Committee.

Lorraine will begin work in her new post July 1. Her appointment is subject to Governing Board approval.

I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Dr. Sheila Ortego, who has served the College well as Interim President of the Community Campus during a period of transition. I must also thank the search committee for their dedication to a hiring process that was thoughtful, deliberative and transparent.