

Patricia Hsieh, Ed. D.

Patricia Hsieh is in her fourteenth year tenure as President at San Diego Miramar College. She has broad experience and background in teaching, student services, and community college administration. Hsieh's career has been about community colleges and providing leadership to inspire others to work together for the betterment of the community and the society. She is dedicated to improving educational opportunities and closing achievement gaps for students.

Prior to her current position, Hsieh served as the Interim President and Vice President of Student Services at Sacramento City College. At San Diego Miramar College, she has not only expanded student access by leading the College to grow from less than 5,000 FTES to over to 10,000 FTES annual enrollment, but she has also been instrumental in transforming the College's facilities to improve teaching, learning, and student completion as well as success.

Hsieh understands the important connection between community colleges and the economy. She was the former chair of the Economy and Workforce Development Program Advisory Committee (EDPAC) to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, the former chair of the Commission of Workforce Development of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), and a former member of the Community College League of California (CCLC) Advisory Committee on Legislation (ACL). As an active member of the business community, she served on the Asian Business Association Board, the San Diego Maritime Museum Board, and City of San Diego Mayor's API (Asian and Pacific Islanders) Advisory Committee. To share her expertise in international education, she served on the AACC's Global Education Commission to promote study abroad programs and student and faculty exchanges. Hsieh is a frequent presenters and speakers at the local, state, and national conferences and is a recognized leader on national education issues. Currently, she serves on the AACC Board, Community Based Education (COMBASE) Board, Community College Baccalaureate Association Board (CCBA), and National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) Board. Hsieh is active in the Chinese arts and culture, serving on the Boards of the San Diego Chinese Art Association and the San Diego We Chinese in America Foundation.

Hsieh studied at the Harvard University Management and Leadership in Education (MLE) Program and Institute for Educational Management (IEM), and has received her doctorate in Institutional Management focusing on Community College Administration at Pepperdine University, her master's in Guidance and Counseling from Wayne State University, and her bachelor's in Western Languages and Literature from Chengchi University in Taiwan.

With her significant contributions to the Asian Pacific Islanders community, Hsieh was recognized as the 2006 Asian Heritage Award recipient. In 2010 she was selected as a Fulbright Fellow to the Russian Federation to explore potential partnership opportunities with Russian higher education institutions. In 2016, she received her second Fulbright Fellowship to promote American community colleges to the French higher education community.

Hsieh looks forward to working with the RHCCD's Board, the College, and the community to respond to the needs of increasingly diverse students to ensure their success. She also looks forward to leading Rio Hondo College to work with a broad suite of community leaders by having the College serve as a stronger partner in the economic, social, and cultural vitality of the region to improve the quality of life for residents across the region.