

May 17, 2023

LCC Faculty and Staff,

It has been an honor to serve as your president since 2011. I want you to be the first to know that I have decided to retire effective January 1, 2024.

My decision will be announced at tonight's LCC Board of Trustees meeting, where board members will begin discussing next steps for seeking my replacement.

As I reflect on my time at LCC, I am extremely proud of what we have accomplished together. A few highlights for me are developing the Lower Columbia Regional University Center, launching our first two Bachelor of Applied Science degrees, remodeling the Fitness Center, navigating the pandemic, enhancing our physical campus, successfully transitioning to ctcLink, and growing the LCC Foundation assets including the endowed Student Success Fund.

Although we did not receive funding for the new Vocational Building in the current legislative session, there are strong indications that we will be funded in the supplemental budget next year. Just as I had the privilege of overseeing the opening of the Health and Science Building that originated with my predecessor, Dr. Jim McLaughlin, your future president will see plans for the new Vocational Building come to fruition under their watch.

I am eternally grateful for the support I have received from the campus and extended community during my tenure.

LCC Proud,
Chris Bailey, President