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FKCC Welcomes New Dean of Student Affairs



KEY WEST, FL, July 6, 2010—This week, Florida Keys Community College welcomed a new addition to the college’s administrative team: Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Jim Heck. Much of Heck’s thirty-plus year career in higher education has been in the Florida College System, which includes nine years as the Dean of Student Affairs at Brevard Community College. During that time, he served as chair for the Florida Council of Student Affairs. His most recent post was as the Deputy Director of the Wyoming Community College Commission, overseeing all academic and student service officers in the state. He has also been an English and Humanities instructor at Santa Fe Community College and Lake-Sumter Community College.

Heck holds a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in English Education and a doctorate in Higher Education Administration, with an emphasis in community colleges, from the University of Florida. Notably, as a doctoral student at UF, Heck studied under the forefather and architect of Florida’s Community College System, Dr. James Wattenbarger. In 2002, UF’s Institute of Higher Education presented him with an “Outstanding Graduate Award,” a recognition awarded only every five years to nationally recognized leaders.

“We couldn’t be happier to have Dr. Heck on board,” says FKCC President Dr. Larry Tyree. “He has a passion for community college education and a wealth of knowledge and experience that will enable FKCC to strengthen the quality services we offer to our students.”

Heck will oversee the following departments: Enrollment Services, Financial Aid, and Student Services, which include Advising, Testing, and Students with Disabilities Services.

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