Hafner announces MCC reorganization

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MANATEE — Manatee Community College on Tuesday announced sweeping organizational changes, naming provosts at each of its three campuses and creating a new position of vice president of baccalaureate programs.

MCC President Lars A. Hafner announced the changes, anticipating a new all-time spring enrollment of 10,000 to 11,000 students.

If the trend continues, MCC could see an enrollment of 15,000 in three to five years, in part resulting from the start of proposed four-year degree programs, officials said.

The reorganization allows for 13 replacement and new full-time faculty positions, officials said.

However, he noted that many of the changes are in title only, designed to reflect jobs that individuals are already doing, or to bring the school into parity with other colleges.

The reorganization, however, represents a net decrease in the number of administrative positions due to past reductions, Hafner noted.

Named as provosts were Mike Mears, at the Bradenton campus; Darlene Wedler-Johnson, at Venice, and Bonnie Hesselberg, at Lakewood Ranch.

Mears also will serve in a newly-created position of vice president of baccalaureate programs, directing the college's four-year degree initiative, officials said.

Six administrators will be titled "associate vice presidents," including MariLynn Lewy, student services; Helen Meyer, student development; Karen Kester, finance; Traci Steen, facilities and planning; Brad Davis, program evaluation and compliance; and Daisy Vulfovich, corporate and community development.

Ann Roggero, the MCC Venice campus executive officer, has accepted a position with the Foundation for MCC as director of development for MCC Venice.

Idelia Phillips will relocate to the Lakewood Ranch campus to coordinate credit and non-credit workforce programs in one place, officials said.

The college plans to advertise to fill the position of 12-month program chair for nursing; it also plans to hire a consultant to help develop its proposed four-year bachelor of science in nursing degree program, officials said.