

## Seattle Central College – Interim President candidates

### **Dr. Milton Lang**



Dr. Milton Lang was appointed as the Vice President for Student Services at Ohlone College in January 2020. Prior to that role, he served as Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer at California State University, Chico. In August 2013, Dr. Lang was appointed Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of California, Davis. In this position, he had oversight and leadership responsibility for the areas of Student Life, Campus Community and Retention Services.

Dr. Lang came to UC Davis from Washington State University where he served as Senior Associate Vice President for the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment.

With over 25 years of professional experience in higher education, Lang has worked collaboratively with faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of the University on recruitment and retention, outreach, student development, academic affairs, diversity, and fundraising initiatives.

Lang took his first position at Washington State University in 1993 as the Director of Student Recruitment and Retention for the College of Education. In 2000, he was appointed to Special Assistant to the President where he was responsible for campus climate initiatives. In 2004, he served as Director for Diversity and Scholarships for the WSU Foundation. Lang accepted a position as Associate Vice President for the Office for Equity and Diversity in 2005, and two years later, the Division of Student Affairs, Equity and Diversity was created and Lang was promoted to Senior Associate Vice President. He continued to serve in that role when the Office again merged with Enrollment. Lang was an instrumental leader in Student Affairs at WSU for almost 20 years.

Dr Lang received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work from California State University, Chico. He went on to obtain his Master of Arts Degree in Education and his Doctorate Degree in Higher Education Administration both from the College of Education at Washington State University where he also held affiliate faculty status.

## Dr. Yoshiko Harden



Dr. Yoshiko Harden (she, her, hers) currently serves as acting president of Seattle Central College. In this role she provides leadership and oversight for all aspects of the college.

Since 2016, Dr. Harden has served as the Vice President for Student Services at Central. In this position she leads the Student Services division and units such as, Student Development, Student Success, Enrollment and Registration, Guided Pathways and Counseling.

Formerly she served as the Vice President for Diversity/Chief Diversity Officer at Bellevue College. There she led college-wide initiatives to address inequity in recruitment, hiring, professional development for faculty and staff, Title IX/VAWA, and the college's bias response team.

Dr. Harden was formerly the Director of Multicultural Services and Student Development at Highline College.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from University of California, San Diego in Communications and Women's Studies, a M.Ed. from Seattle University in Student Development Administration and a doctorate in Education from Northeastern University in Higher Education Policy. Her research interests and expertise center on Black Males in Community and Technical Colleges, Racial Microaggressions, and Critical Race Theory.

## Dr. B. Sherrance Russell



Dr. Russell currently serves as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Diversity Initiatives in the division of Inclusion, Diversity, & Equity at the University of Missouri. In this role he provides direction for Student Engagement, the Department of Social Justice and Engagement in Advancement and Fund-Raising activities to support activities, resources & services for underserved and underrepresented populations. He also created three new student success coach positions to aid retention, persistence, and completion for such populations. He also serves in a community engagement role where he directs the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. university celebration and created a new partnership with the City of Columbia in recognition of Juneteenth.

Dr. Russell is a native of Austin, Texas and was formerly the CEO and Enrollment Management Consultant for Russell & Associates. He has extensive experience working with diverse students having previously served as the Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management at Central State University. At Central State, he expanded and improved the student profile of the university while strengthening enrolment and retention.

Dr. Russell is a seasoned higher education professional and has nearly three decades of experience in Student Affairs, Enrollment Management, Inclusion, Diversity & Equity. He served as Director, University College at Prairie View A.M University where he provided services to more than 1400 first-time freshmen. Previously he served as the Dean of Enrollment Management at Huston-Tillotson University and Vice President of Enrollment Management where he launched the new Adult Degree Programs for working adults.

While at Langston University, Dr. Russell held notable positions. These roles included, Associate Director of Enrollment Management, Director of Admissions and Recruitment, the Director of Student Life, and Disability Officer. Additionally, over the course of his career, Dr. Russell has managed more than 10,000 beds in student housing at various colleges and universities. Dr. Russell also worked at Austin Community College where he was the Supervisor for Admissions & Records at two campuses.

He is a graduate of Texas Southern University and holds an M. Ed. in Urban Education from Langston University and a Ph.D. in Urban Higher Education from Jackson State University.

Dr. Russell has a deep commitment to diverse students where his primary goal is to promote spaces that allow a sense of belonging that provide outlets for educational, cultural and leadership development, advocacy and support,” which all yield student success.

