

Ernest Martinez

Top aide at Cabrillo is leaving

Ernest Martinez, Cabrillo College's vice president for instruction, is resigning to become president of Seattle Central Community College.

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Martinez is due to take his new post on July 1. He will be leaving Cabrillo within the next two weeks, college public information officer Bill Gleeson said.

Gleeson said most of the academic planning for the fall has been completed so the college "is not hard pressed to fill the position."

He said no decision will be made until Cabrillo President John Petersen has a chance to discuss it with the governing board early next month.

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Petersen said Martinez gave
"outstanding service ... during
three years of dealing with
financial austerity and its consequences," and "helped
strengthen our program."

Martinez, 42, who came to Cabrillo from Santa Rosa Junior College, will become top officer of Seattle Central, a large urban college with more than 40 one- and two-year vocational programs. More minority and foreign-born students are enrolled there than in any of the 26 other community colleges in Washinton state, Petersen said.

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