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Central Park: Clark College has renamed its workforce development unit “Workforce Education” as part of broader efforts to streamline job training at the college. The changes began in summer 2017, when the unit became part of the college’s office of instruction. In addition, Clark is restructuring three positions in its office of instruction and its former workforce development unit. The new positions are: dean of instructional planning and operations, held on an interim basis by Sylvia Thornburg; director of instructional programming and innovation, held by George Reese; and director of workforce education and economic development, held on an interim basis by Joe Renouard. The college is conducting nationwide searches to fill the dean and workforce education director slots.

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