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Clark College's acting CEO is named interim president

Clark College trustees have named Bob Knight, the college's acting chief executive officer, as interim president.

Knight was tapped for the job after feedback from the college community showed a desire for an interim president who has an open style of communication and local connections, and could provide continuity and the ability to keep the college focused on its strategic plan and initiatives.

He takes over from R. Wayne Branch, whose contract was not renewed in late July. Branch was the target of a no-confidence vote by the faculty in the spring.

Knight joined Clark in 2004 as vice president of administrative services, a position that oversaw the day-to-day budgeting, accounting, purchasing, construction, maintenance, security and information technology functions of the college. He was named acting CEO in August and has served in both positions since then.

Previously, Knight worked as an executive in the dental and trucking industries and served 21 years in the U.S. Army, including time as commander of Vancouver Barracks. He retired as a lieutenant colonel.

Knight earned a bachelor's degree in engineering at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and a master's of business administration at Golden Gate University in San Francisco.