On October 2, 2012, the Board of Trustees of City College of San Francisco (CCSF) named Dr. Thelma Scott-Skillman, a native San Franciscan and 42-year veteran of California community college leadership, as its new Interim Chancellor. Dr. Scott-Skillman, who had been serving since August as Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Services at CCSF, assumed her new role on November 1.

She succeeds Dr. Pamila Fisher, who had been serving in the position since May 2012 and had indicated from that time her intention to depart at the end of October.

Dr. Scott-Skillman was Founding President of Folsom Lake College in Folsom, California, from 2001-2012, leading the institution through its master plan, construction, and accreditation.

She spent eight years as Vice Chancellor, Student Services and Special Programs, in the California Community College Chancellor’s office.

Her other prior experience includes academic and administrative positions at California community colleges, including: Cypress College, Cypress; Cosumnes River College, Sacramento; Los Medanos College, Pittsburg; and Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill. Dr. Scott-Skillman began her career as a high school teacher in the Oakland Unified School District and has been awarded numerous recognitions and teaching fellowships.

“Dr. Scott-Skillman is an excellent choice to lead CCSF through this next phase of recovery and reinvention,” said Fisher. “She well appreciates the mission and importance of California’s community colleges to our State and nation’s future and has the leadership skills to keep this critical institution moving in the right direction. She already has assisted greatly in the last two months and understands what needs to be done. She’ll provide both leadership and continuity.”

“The challenges facing City College are not overwhelming,” said Scott-Skillman. “Our people have the right core values and commitment. That said, the reality of time demands that we do not falter in our attentiveness or action.”

In addition to reaffirming CCSF’s accreditation, Scott-Skillman said her highest priorities would be securing the College’s fiscal solvency, seeking more effective collaborative governance, and stronger administrative oversight.

“We have no choice but to mend these problems,” she said. “More than 90,000 students depend on City College, San Francisco needs us, and people across the State and nation are watching us closely. We will not let them down.”