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PBCC names new dean of academic affairs for Boca Raton campus

(Boca Raton, Fla. – Dec. 2, 2008) – Dr. Matilde Roig-Watnik has been named dean of academic affairs at Palm Beach Community College in Boca Raton.

Prior to joining the PBCC administration on Nov. 19, she held positions as an administrator, department chair and science professor at Broward and Miami-Dade colleges. During her more than 14-year career at the two schools beginning in 1990, she earned tenure and was named a Professor of the Year at both. She was the recipient of the Blockbuster Endowed Teaching Chair at Broward College for 1998-2001. She was named a U.S. Department of Agriculture Fellow in 2005.



Roig-Watnik left the Florida Community College System in 2003 to work as dean of allied health and sciences at Northampton Community College in Pennsylvania. She was there for one year before moving back to Florida. In 2007, she was appointed associate vice president for career and technical education at Broward College.

“I am absolutely elated to be at Palm Beach Community College at the Boca Raton campus,” she said. “I’ve always been in pursuit of the right niche and the right learning environment for myself. The academic dean position is the best fit for how I can help an institution grow. It allows me to work with programs for the success of our students.”

Roig-Watnik holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Upsala College, a Master of Science for Teachers degree in biology from Rutgers University and a doctorate in teacher leadership from Walden University.

Palm Beach Community College, Florida’s first public community college, is celebrating its 75th anniversary throughout 2008. The largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, PBCC serves more than 45,000 students annually through its associate degrees, professional certificates, career and customized training and lifelong learning. The College offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

Editor's note: Please contact PBCC for a high resolution photograph of Dr. Matilde Roig-Watnik.

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