



Sunny Cooke
MiraCosta College

Dr. Sunita “Sunny” Cooke began her tenure as the superintendent/president of MiraCosta Community College District in San Diego County January 2015. A recognized community college leader, Dr. Cooke came to MiraCosta from Grossmont College, located in El Cajon, California, where she served as president from 2007 to 2014. In that time, she oversaw the development of new programs and partnerships, improved student success outcomes, steered the college through its most challenging budget times, and continued the physical transformation of the fifty year old campus.

After being awarded a doctorate in biology at Georgetown University, she completed a postdoctoral training program at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, in the molecular aspects of cell adhesion and metastasis. She has taught full and part time for more than thirteen years in Texas and California in the fields of biology, biotechnology, and educational leadership. In addition to teaching she also served as department chair, director, dean of health sciences and exercise science, and associate vice chancellor of workforce development.

Dr. Cooke is an active member of the greater San Diego community. During her tenure at Grossmont College, she served on several community boards, including the Sharp Grossmont Hospital Board, East County Chamber of Commerce, YMCA Board of East County, and the San Diego Community College District Citizens Oversight Committee. She is currently a board member of the San Diego Workforce Partnership, San Diego Regional Economic Development Council, and the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce. Most recently, she was asked by State Chancellor Brice Harris to chair the Task Force on Workforce and a Strong Economy.