

Colleagues,

In the spring of 2014, we made one of the best decisions imaginable. At that time, CSUSB named Dr. Sharon Brown Welty as the new dean of our Palm Desert Campus. After a stellar four years as an administrator and student advocate, she has announced to us her intent to retire, effective June 30, 2018.

During her tenure in the Coachella Valley, Sharon has elevated virtually every aspect of our PDC community, including student life, academic enrichment and community engagement. Despite being 70 miles from the San Bernardino campus, she has given our PDC students a remarkable experience, advocating on their behalf and bringing a new sense of community and family. Our students' experience has been made richer thanks to Sharon's passion and hard work.

While we celebrate Dr. Brown Welty on beginning life's next great adventure, we also want to begin a consultative process to identify interim leadership for the Palm Desert Campus, in preparation for the launch a national search for a new dean. We will be meeting with campus and external stakeholders as we begin a transition timeline.

But today, please join me in thanking and recognizing Sharon for all her work in support of our students and the desert communities. We can look forward to a special event where we can thank her personally.

Tomás D. Morales
President

Shari McMahan
Provost