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Academic Affairs  
*Office of the Provost and Vice President*

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Colleagues,

I am delighted to announce that **Dr. Jake Zhu**, associate dean of the Jack H. Brown College of Business and Public Administration, has accepted my invitation to serve as **interim dean of the College of Education**. His one-year appointment begins July 1.

Although he does not come from the College of Education, Dr. Zhu holds a Ph.D. in education from UC Riverside and previously served two years at the Redlands Unified School District. He has extensive experience working with faculty and staff to ensure continued academic excellence and exceptional learning experiences for students.

As associate dean of the Jack H. Brown College of Business and Public Administration, Dr. Zhu led many college and university initiatives, including the Graduation Initiative 2025, AACSB Accreditation, Q2S conversion, faculty development and curriculum innovation. He also directed the college's Student Success Center and served as interim director of the MBA program.

Prior to that, Dr. Zhu served as chair of the Department of Information and Decision Sciences. Among his achievements, he led the CSU system's approval of a bachelor's degree in information systems and technology. He also collaborated with high schools, school districts and junior colleges developing transfer curriculum and programs, created pipelines for transfer students and doubled his department's enrollment from 2009 to 2015.

As a faculty member, Dr. Zhu taught a variety of courses in information systems and cyber security. He collaborated with faculty and was instrumental in the creation of the CSUSB's cybersecurity program. He also co-founded the university's Cyber Security Center in 2006 and served as co-director of the center from 2006 to 2009.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Zhu on his new position and in welcoming him to the College of Education.

Best,  
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