

June 16, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that after careful consideration of the search committee's recommendations, the input received from those who participated in the search process, and my own interactions with the finalist, I have appointed **Dr. Clare Weber** to the position of deputy provost. She will begin her new position on Aug. 14.

Dr. Weber brings more than 30 years of leadership experience in higher education and the nonprofit sector. She comes to us from Cal State Dominguez Hills where she served as the Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs and Development responsible for a number of academically related programs, personnel services for faculty, and faculty development. Among her efforts, she oversaw the Faculty Development Center, including the management of Title V funding and key components of an Innovation in Higher Education Grant.

As a leader on the CSUDH WASC Steering Committee, she developed processes for campus input into the criteria for review and self-study report. She also served as Department Chair of Sociology, Program Coordinator of Women's Studies, Vice-President of the Dominguez Hills chapter of the California Faculty Association, and Chair of the Academic Senate Faculty Policy Committee.

Dr. Weber earned her Ph.D. from the University of California, Irvine in Social Science, an M.A. in Latin American Studies from California State University, Los Angeles, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Spanish from St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York.

Thank you to the campus community for your engagement in this search; and to the search committee chair, Dean Terry Ballman, and committee members – Dong Man Kim, Dorothy Chen-Maynard, Dwight Sweeney, Kevin Grisham, Matthew Poole, Juan Delgado, Brian Haynes, Tina Valencia, Janette Garcia and Mellissa Patton – for your hard work throughout this process. I would also like to extend my personal appreciation to Rong Chen, who has done an outstanding job as interim associate provost of Academic Programs.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Weber. I'm confident she will have the support of the campus community as she advances Academic Affairs and our campus as a whole.

Warm regards,
Shari McMahan, Ph.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs