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To: Colleagues <colleagues@groups.csusb.edu>

Subject: Retirement of Dorota Huizinga, Associate Provost for Academic Research and Dean of Graduate Studies

Dear Colleagues,

It is with bittersweet emotions, I share with you that Dorota Huizinga, Associate Provost for Academic Research and Dean of Graduate Studies, has made a heartfelt decision to retire effective August 16, 2023.

Dr. Huizinga, who joined our campus community in January 2018, has been an outstanding leader and integral part of CSUSB for over five years. Under her leadership, both Academic Research and Graduate Studies have grown significantly, and the campus saw its historic elevation to the prestigious Carnegie designation as an R2 institution.

Since 2020, she has served as the principal investigator for an \$871,000 grant funded by the National Institutes of Health titled "Advancing Sponsored Programs Infrastructure for Research Excellence (ASPIRE)." The ASPIRE grant fulfilled her vision of enhancing CSUSB's sponsored research and grant-seeking culture while promoting diversity and engagement among faculty and students in sponsored research.

In this spirit, she launched the Office of Research Development to support faculty in advancing their research agenda and initiated the annual weeklong celebrations of academic research and graduate education, known as Research Week, held every Spring semester, and Graduate Education Week, held every Fall.

Since her arrival at CSUSB in 2018, grant awards have increased by 62 percent, rising from \$29 million in 2018-19 to \$47 million in 2021-22. During the same period, proposal submissions rose from \$29 million to \$140 million. Additionally, CSUSB graduate student enrollment has consistently reached record highs year after year.

She spearheaded the establishment of the first-ever CSUSB Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activity Committee and revitalized the CSUSB Graduate Council. She expanded the Office of Student Research and its programming for students and faculty, and in 2023 a record number of students participated in the 12th annual student research symposium, Meeting of the Minds.

Dr. Huizinga who has worked 32 years in the California State University system, previously led Academic Research and Graduate Studies at both Cal State Dominguez Hills and Cal State Fullerton. She started her career in 1991 as an assistant professor at Cal State Fullerton and upon her retirement, she will join our Faculty Early Retirement Program.

Please join me in thanking Dorota for her invaluable leadership and service and wishing her the best in her new beginnings.

Sincerely,
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