

Dear Coyotes and Colleagues,

I am delighted to announce that Dr. A. Rafik Mohamed, dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, will serve as the interim provost for Cal State San Bernardino upon the departure in upcoming months of Provost Shari McMahan to take up her new position as president of Eastern Washington University.

Rafik first joined us in 2015 when he was hired to serve as the CSBS dean. His impactful career in teaching and scholarship began at George Washington University (bachelor's in sociology and criminal justice) and went on to UC Irvine (master's in social ecology, Ph.D. in criminology, law and society), teaching and chairing the sociology department at the University of San Diego, and teaching and chairing the social sciences department at Clayton State University in Georgia.

He is a proven campus leader who knows CSUSB inside and out and who keeps the success of our students and our faculty first and foremost in all that he does while demonstrating a keen understanding of how our staff work daily to support CSUSB's mission. I deeply appreciate his willingness to step forward and provide campus-wide leadership during this time of transition. As I have said previously, the role of the provost is a key one to our university's progress while specifically overseeing the academic heart of CSUSB.

Please join me in thanking Rafik for assuming this vital campus role. I will follow up later in the spring regarding transition dates and the launch of the search for a new provost.

Sincerely,

Tomás D. Morales
President