



Academic Affairs
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Colleagues,

Earlier this week, Dr. Jay Fiene informed me of his intent to step down as Dean of the College of Education effective June 30, 2018 to assume responsibilities as Principal Investigator of one of CSUSB's most impactful grants, the Cal State Reentry Initiative (CSRI).

Founded in 2010 by CSUSB Professor Carolyn Eggleston to address California's prison realignment effort, CSRI has since grown to operate four reentry centers across Southern California—San Bernardino, Moreno Valley, Victorville, and the newest site in Indio. The current multi-year contract for CSRI is for \$37.5 million (2017-2020), and will serve an estimated 5000 formerly incarcerated individuals transitioning back to their communities.

As Dean of COE since 2010, Jay has made a remarkable impact within the academy and across the community, advancing progressive teacher education models by collaborating with K-12 school districts throughout San Bernardino and Riverside. His work supporting the Growing Inland Achievement (GIA) initiative as well as advocating for a mandatory fourth year of math for college bound high school seniors will only elevate the region's baccalaureate success rates. He also serves as one of our communities most engaged citizens, serving on the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Symphony.

Over the next two weeks, I will be consulting with the faculty and staff of the COE, as well as the leadership of the Faculty Senate, on an interim management plan for the college as well as a recruiting strategy/timeline for a permanent dean.

But today please join me in thanking Jay for his past, present and future service to the students of the CSUSB and the communities we serve.

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