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Academic Affairs  
*Office of the Provost and Vice President*

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Dear Colleagues,

During the past few months, campus community members have worked hard to recruit a dean of the College of Arts and Letters. Today I wanted to share with you that we have not yet secured a permanent dean and will thus extend the search into the 2019-20 academic year. Information regarding next steps will be forthcoming.

Please join me in thanking the search committee for their dedication and hard work. The search committee was chaired by AVP and Dean Tatiana Karmanova, and included committee members: David Carlson, Michelle Fuller, Stacey Frasier, Liliana Gallegos, Dorota Huizinga, Oraib Mango, Fred McCall, Brad Owen, Matthew Poole, Tom Provenzano, Bibiana Rodriguez-Diaz, Sam Sudhakar and Yera Nanan. Thanks as well to Janette Garcia for providing administrative support.

In the meantime, I am pleased to share that **Dr. Rueyling Chuang**, who has done an outstanding job as **interim dean of the College of Arts and Letters**, has agreed to continue in this role through next academic year.

Dr. Chuang has been a valuable educator and leader at Cal State San Bernardino for nearly 20 years. She joined CSUSB's Department of Communication Studies in 2000 and was promoted to associate professor in 2004 and to full professor in 2007. She also served as associate dean of the college from 2015 to 2018. As an interim dean and an academic leader in various capacities, she has significant experience solving a variety of complex curricular, budgetary and personnel challenges. She is dedicated to creating cutting-edge academic programs that enhance both faculty and student excellence through initiatives and activities that engage local, regional, national and global communities. She is committed to maintaining and promoting the academic excellence of the College.

Her many areas of responsibility as associate dean included curriculum, faculty workload and part-time faculty budget oversight, college enrollment and scheduling, and the CourseMatch program. She created new GE curriculum for the College and oversaw implementation of Q2S transformation in the College. In addition, she managed student issues including grievances, conduct and advising; coordinated humanities curriculum and scheduling; and performed evaluations of adjunct faculty. She also oversaw space and equipment allocations and provided building renovation oversight.

The only person in her immediate family to immigrate to the U.S., Dr. Chuang received her Ph.D. in interpersonal communication from Ohio University. She also earned a master's degree in speech communication from CSU Hayward, now known as Cal State East Bay.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Chuang on her extended interim deanship.

Best,  
Shari

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