

Dec. 20, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

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 finalists, I am pleased to announce that **Dr. Dorota Huizinga** has been appointed **associate provost for Academic Research and dean of Graduate Studies**. She will begin her new position on Jan. 8.

Dr. Huizinga brings more than 25 years of higher education experience. She comes to us from Cal State Dominguez Hills, where she served as dean of graduate studies and research. Prior to that, she served in a variety of leadership roles at Cal State Fullerton, including five years as associate dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science, three years as WASC accreditation liaison officer, five years as associate vice president for Graduate Programs and Research and one year as director of special projects, responsible for the expansion of the CSUF-Irvine campus expansion.

She has been awarded grants from major federal sponsors, including the National Institutes of health, the National Science Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Education, as well as industry grants from organizations, such as Hughes Aircraft Company (currently Raytheon). In addition, she led campus teams in the development, review and approval of new graduate degree programs and concentrations, including the first CSUF professional degree program – master in biotechnology and doctorate in nurse practice.

Dr. Huizinga holds a doctorate in computer science from Wayne State University, a master's in computer science from Western Michigan University, and a bachelor's and master's degree in applied mathematics from Wroclaw university of Technology in Poland.

Thank you to the campus community for your engagement in this search; and to the search committee chair, Dean Tatiana Karmanova, and committee members – Ghulam Sarwar, Tomasz Owerkowicz, Christina Hassija, Ahlam Muhtaseb, Vincent Nestler, Doug Freer, Rachel Weiss and staff committee coordinator Janette Garcia. I would also like to extend my personal appreciation to Cynthia Crawford, interim AVP of Academic Research, and Francisca Beer, interim dean of Graduate Studies, both of whom have done an outstanding job in their respective roles.

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Please join me in congratulating Dr. Huizinga. I'm confident she will have the support of the campus community as she advances academic research and graduate education at CSUSB.

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