Provost’s Report

Welcome back to an exciting and productive year. Over the break and leading up to the start of the semester, I have been contemplating the importance of having time to reflect and think. It is vital to set aside time to do this in order to provide perspective and to help prioritize what is important. I hope you had the opportunity to do this during your break, and that the new year is off to a good start. I also hope that together we will be intentional about finding time to reflect on our goals and our work.

Educational Advancements Related to our Strategic Plan
Our Strategic Plan continues to help focus our efforts and guide us as we make advancements for our students, faculty, and staff. Of note, we are working to improve campus climate with a focus on equity and inclusion. To achieve this, we are working on hiring and retaining diverse, highly qualified faculty; providing support for faculty and faculty-student research; and providing professional development opportunities. I am also looking forward to learning from faculty who are implementing pedagogical changes to improve students’ sense of belonging in the classroom.

We also continue to work towards improving student success and achieving our Graduation Initiative 2025 goals. Towards these efforts this year, we are working on eliminating administrative barriers, such as eliminating unnecessary or unproductive holds; adding course sections; hiring tenured and tenure-track faculty (18 have been hired so far in this year’s recruitment cycle); supporting tutors for math, engineering, and business; and supporting the Writing Center.

Provost Search
The search for a new provost is underway, and I would like to encourage your full participation in this important process. VP Forgues is the search committee chair and he will provide updates throughout the semester. Many people ask me if I am counting the days until I finish my term as provost – and yes, I am counting them, but only because we have a lot of exciting work and I want to accomplish as much as we can together. I am very grateful for being able to work with you all.

Provost’s Social Media

As a reminder, you can now find me on Facebook (CSUF Provost), Twitter (@csufprovost), and Instagram (csufprovost). I will be using these platforms to highlight the important work you do. You can easily access the social media sites by visiting our website and clicking on the icons on the home page.