



CAL POLY

Office of the President

To the Cal Poly Community,

After consulting with our Academic Senate, ASI leadership, my leadership team, and at the urging of many department chairs, I have offered, and Al Liddicoat has accepted, the role of provost and executive vice president effective immediately. Al will collaborate with our deans, the Academic Senate and our entire faculty and Administrative Affairs team to ensure the continued intellectual vibrancy of Cal Poly.

Al began his academic career here. He and his wife, Silvia, are graduates of the College of Engineering. Through the years, he has held many different positions at Cal Poly, giving him a broad view of both university operations and academics.

He has tenured status as the Forbes Professor of Computer and Electrical Engineering at Cal Poly. He has overseen the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology; Academic Affairs Technology Services and Institutional Research. He was vice provost for Academic Affairs and Personnel; interim dean of the Orfalea College of Business; director for the Computer Engineering Program; vice president for University Personnel and chief human resources officer.

He also served as interim vice chancellor for Human Resources at the California State University Chancellor's Office, gaining all-important systemwide understanding that provides the broader perspective required to help us achieve our many goals.

Al holds a doctorate and a master's degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in industrial engineering and engineering management, all from Stanford University.

I am confident that in the coming years, Al will continue his great work to enhance Learn by Doing, expand access to a Cal Poly degree for more California students and foster partnerships across colleges and campuses.

Please join me in congratulating Al on his appointment.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Armstrong
President

