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To the Cal Poly community,

After nearly 11 years of dedicated service to Cal Poly, Bill Britton will retire this month.

Throughout his tenure, Bill held numerous leadership roles and spearheaded transformative initiatives, including a major campus technology modernization that successfully moved our data to the cloud. That initiative was critical to the university's ability to pivot quickly to online learning and operations during the COVID pandemic.

He also served as vice president for information technology, chief information officer and director of the California Cybersecurity Institute (CCI). Under Bill's visionary leadership, Cal Poly established a world-class training and education facility to address the complex and evolving cybersecurity challenges facing California and the nation. The institute is a hub for collaboration, forging strategic partnerships with academia, government and industry.

Bill and his team worked tirelessly to prepare the next generation of cybersecurity professionals, creating Learn by Doing opportunities that enrich student learning and inspire technology careers. His legacy includes building a strong pipeline of talent and empowering students early in their educational journey.

Most recently, Bill has been part of the Strategic Initiatives and Advocacy team, working specifically on efforts related to the Cal Poly Maritime Academy and the Cal Poly Solano Campus.

On a personal note, I am deeply grateful for Bill's service as special advisor to the president and for his invaluable counsel on technology, defense and cybersecurity matters.

Before joining Cal Poly, Bill had a distinguished career in the defense industry with a focus on cybersecurity. He is a retired U.S. Air Force officer and holds a bachelor's degree in social sciences from Elon University, a master's degree in history from California State University, Stanislaus and a master's degree in strategic intelligence from the National Intelligence University.

Please join me in thanking Bill for his outstanding contributions and in wishing him a long, fulfilling and well-deserved retirement.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Armstrong
President

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