

UC San Diego Names Nationally Recognized Educator, Dr. Penny Rue, As New Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

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Dr. Penny Rue, a creative educator and champion of students, has been appointed as vice chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of California, San Diego. The UC Board of Regents has approved Dr. Rue's appointment, effective Sept. 10, 2007.

Rue, 54, comes from the University of Virginia, where she has served as dean of students since 1999. Along with solid academic credentials in the field of counseling and student personnel services, her career has included more than 30 years in some of the most prestigious higher education institutions in the U.S., including Georgetown University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of Maryland.

Rue's responsibilities at UC San Diego will include the development, assessment and improvement of services that meet and support the needs of students and the University's mission. As vice chancellor for Student Affairs she will oversee a wide range of student services, including Academic Integrity initiatives, Admissions and Enrollment Services, Career Services, Intercollegiate Athletics and Club Sports, the International Center and Study Abroad programs, Student Educational Advancement, Student Health and Wellness, Student Judicial Affairs, University events and fund raising for student scholarships.

In addition, her responsibilities encompass Student Life, including coordinating implementation of appropriate recommendations of the Undergraduate Student Experience and Satisfaction Report and the Graduate and Professional Student Experience Survey, as well as student government and various student activities.

"I am very pleased with the appointment of Dr. Rue. She is an energetic, innovative, creative, student-focused professional who can facilitate change, generate synergies and work collaboratively within and across departmental lines," said Chancellor Marye Anne Fox. "She also shares a core value that is at the very heart of UC San Diego—a commitment to shared governance in support of the University's strategic vision."

"I am delighted to join the UCSD community at this exciting time in the University's history," Rue said. "UCSD is clearly a university on the move, one that appreciates that the quality of the student experience is integral to its definition of excellence. I look forward to working collaboratively with students to understand what makes UCSD special and to enhance the sense of community so that each and every student feels a deep and abiding connection to the University, a bond that begins while at the university but will come to last a lifetime."

Rue brings an exceptional array of experiences in working with students to build an open, communicative and productive campus culture within a dynamic learning environment. She received her B.A. from Duke University in English and Religion, an M.A. in student personnel work from Ohio State University, and her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland in counseling and personnel services.

In addition to being a published author, she has served on many professional associations, including the American College Personnel Association; the Association for Student Judicial Affairs; Duke University Council on Women's Studies; Jesuit Association on Student Personnel Administrators; National Association of Student

Personnel Administrators (NASPA); Inter-association Task Force on Alcohol, NASPA; National Association for Women in Education, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Dr. Rue joins UCSD at a pivotal time in its 47-year history with the departure of Dr. Joseph Watson, who recently retired as vice chancellor for Student Affairs after more than 40 years of service at the university.

Rue will receive an annual salary of \$215,000. Per UC policy, there will be a five percent monthly contribution to the Senior Management Supplemental Benefit Program; a \$53,750 relocation allowance equal to 25 percent of base pay (subject to a repayment requirement in the event that she resigns within the first four years of employment); reimbursement of moving expenses; 30 days of temporary housing and moving expenses, and authorization by the UC Regents to participate in the Mortgage Origination Program (MOP) with a loan up to \$1,330,000.

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