

Robert L. Albert to head UCSD's campus affirmative action program

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Robert L. Albert, former Executive Director of the Governor's Affirmative Action Council for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has been named to head the campus affirmative action program at the University of California, San Diego. Albert, a native of New York City, will begin his duties immediately.

Prior to accepting the new position at UCSD, Albert served for 14 months as head of Equal Employment Opportunities (EEO) for the State College System in Massachusetts. During this time he was directly responsible for all policy recommendations pertaining to EEO for minorities, women and others subject to the provisions of governmental regulations.

As the director of the affirmative action council in Pennsylvania from February 1973 to February 1974, Albert was responsible for the development and implementation of the Commonwealth's affirmative action program and, in addition, handled the majority of the Commonwealth's labor relations work.

At UCSD he will act as monitor for the campus affirmative action program and as ombudsman to the campus community, particularly in the area of fair employment practices. In addition, he has been asked to develop special campus programs aimed at aiding disadvantaged workers and to maintain liaison with others - both on and off the campus - in order to anticipate and deal with minority problems.

Albert attended the University of Washington, graduating in 1954 with a major in public administration and a minor in psychology. He received a master's degree in industrial relations from Washington in 1956.

Albert was awarded an honorary law degree by Yale University in 1968 and an honorary degree in humanities from the University of Massachusetts in 1971.

During his career, Albert has been the editor and publisher of a weekly newspaper in Seattle, a personnel analyst for the Washington State Department of Personnel, an intergroup relations specialist for the U. S. Forest Service in Portland, Oregon, and a civil rights specialist for the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. In this last position, he was responsible for the contract compliance program of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for the northeast region of the United States for four and a half years and later established a similar program for the entire New England region.

From 1971 to 1973 he served as director of intergroup relations and equal opportunity and as special assistant to the president of Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts. At Tufts, Albert developed a university-wide affirmative action program and wrote proposals for the funding of several special affirmative action projects.

Albert is a member of the International Personnel Management Association, the National Association of Human Rights Workers, and the Vocational and Technical Advisory Council for the State of Massachusetts. He has served as a board member of the NAACP and as a member of the Urban League of Boston, Massachusetts.

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