

Faustina Solis named acting provost of Third College

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Faustina Solis, associate professor in the Department-of Community and Family Medicine at the University of California, San Diego's School of Medicine, has been named acting provost of UC San Diego's Third College by Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs John Miles.

The appointment, which is pending approval by UC President David Saxon, is effective (retroactively) July 1, 1981 through June 30, 1982 or until a permanent provost is selected. Solis replaces Dr. Joseph Watson who was named Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Affairs for the San Diego campus last month. Watson had served as provost of Third College since the enrollment of the first undergraduates in 1970.

Solis is a member of the Third College faculty in addition to her duties at the School of Medicine. She has had extensive teaching and administrative responsibilities within Third College's Urban and Rural Studies Program.

In the community Solis served as deputy director of the public health division of the California State Department of Health and was coordinator and director of the Farm Workers' Health Service Program with the State Department of Public Health from 1967 to 1971. In 1975 she was elected president of the California Association for Maternal and Child Health, the first lay person to head the organization which had traditionally elected physicians to the post.

Solis is a member of the Early Childhood Committee of the American Public Health Association; the California Committee on Regional Medical Programs, and the U.S. - Mexico Border Public Health Association. She received the Koshland Award from the California Health and Welfare Association in 1965 as "the outstanding social work practitioner of the year." She was also named outstanding Mexican American woman in California by the League of Mexican-American women in 1965 and received the Ethel H. Wise Special Merit Award from the Columbia University Alumni School of Social Work in 1966.

Solis graduated from UCLA in 1946 with an A.B. degree in sociology and from the University of Southern California with a master's degree in social work in 1954.

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