

Dr. Paul Saltman appointed Provost of Revelle College

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Dr. Paul David Saltman, Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Southern California, has been appointed Provost of Revelle College at the University of California, San Diego by the University Board of Regents. The Regents' action took place Wednesday, February 15, during the regular monthly board meeting held on the Santa Barbara Campus of the University.

Dr. Saltman's appointment is effective July 1. He will succeed Dr. Hugh Bradner, Acting Provost of Revelle College for the past academic year, who will return to his position as Professor of Engineering Physics and Geophysics in the Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering Sciences at UCSD.

Dr. Saltman has taught at the University of Southern California since 1953 when he joined the faculty as an Instructor in Biochemistry. He was named Assistant Professor in 1954, Associate Professor in 1958 and Professor in 1961. During the 1960-61 academic year he served as a Visiting Professor of Biochemistry at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. In 1962 he served as a Visiting Professor in the Biochemical Institute at the University of Uppsala in Sweden.

Dr. Saltman was born in Los Angeles, California in 1928. He attended John Marshall High School in Los Angeles and graduated from the California Institute of Technology with a B.S. degree in chemistry in 1949. He did graduate research work in biochemistry at the College de France in Paris in 1949-50 and returned to Cal Tech where he received a Ph.D. in biochemistry in 1953.

At USC, Dr. Saltman has taught biochemistry for both undergraduate and graduate students and in the University's School of Medicine. He has also conducted graduate classes in metabolism, enzyme chemistry and specialized techniques in biochemistry. He has served on several committees for both the School of Medicine and the University including the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate and the Graduate School Council.

He is a member of the National Science Foundation Panel on High School Science Education and served as a consultant to the Science Division of the Los Angeles Board of Education. He has been extremely active in the presentation of scientific programs on television and radio for mass communication including 16 "live" half-hour television for the Los Angeles area and 12 half hour radio broadcasts on "Trojan Digests" at USC. In cooperation with the University's Cinema Department, Dr. Saltman produced and acted in 13 half-hour films in a series called "Patterns of Life" for National Education Television sponsored by the Ford Foundation.

Dr. Saltman's major areas of research interests are metabolism and the biochemistry of higher plants including organic and amino acid metabolism and photosynthesis. His work also includes studies of trace metal chemistry and biochemistry. One important part of this work has been the discovery of a series of new compounds which can be used to prevent iron deficiency in humans and animals. At present he is actively engaged in research in these fields in cooperation with graduate students and assistants.

He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Association of University Professors, the American Chemical Society, the American Society of Biological Chemists, the American Society of Plant Physiologists, the Federation of American Scientists, Sigma Xi, and the Pacific Slope Biochemistry Society, serving as president during 1966-67.

He and his wife, the former Barbara June Golden, have two sons.