

## **Dr. Penner resigns as Vice Chancellor-Academic Affairs**

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The resignation of Dr. S. S. Penner as Vice Chancellor - Academic Affairs at the University of California, San Diego was announced today by UCSD Chancellor William McGill. The resignation is effective July 1.

Dr. Penner, who has served as Vice Chancellor since November, 1968, will return to teaching and research in the Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering Sciences and will continue in his position as Director of the Institute for Pure and Applied Physical Sciences on the UCSD campus.

No replacement for Dr. Penner was announced. UCSD officials said that a series of organizational adjustments are now under consideration and it is expected that these changes will be announced early in the summer.

Dr. McGill said that Dr. Penner's analytical approach and organizational abilities will be sorely missed. "Dr. Penner is one of the leading space scientists in the United States and it was very difficult to persuade him originally to accept the Vice Chancellor's post," Dr. McGill said. He said that the position was finally arranged on a half-time basis with the understanding that Penner's service would extend only over a period of from one to two years.

Dr. McGill said that Penner's departure from the Vice Chancellorship constitutes a serious loss for the administration at UCSD but that recent problems in campus research agencies in which Dr. Penner plays a crucial role have made it necessary for Penner to devote his full attention to such areas.

In a statement released today, Dr. Penner said, "I was happy to learn that Chancellor McGill has accepted the resignation which I submitted to him last January 29, thereby allowing me to return to full-time teaching and research and to implement some urgently needed reforms in the operation of the Institute for Pure and Applied Physical Sciences, of which I have been Director since February, 1968.

"Chancellor McGill has been trying, with great dedication, to perform the difficult task of reconciling strong, contradictory pressures. He has worked hard in order to avert major strife and violent confrontations on our campus. I wish him well in the years to come."

Dr. Penner joined the faculty at UCSD in 1964 as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering Sciences. He received a B.S. degree from Union College in 1942 and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin in 1943 and 1946 respectively. He served for a number of years on the faculty at the California Institute of Technology before coming to UCSD.