

Peter Gourevitch named dean of Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies

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GOUREVITCH NAMED DEAN OF GRADUATE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND PACIFIC STUDIES

Peter A. Gourevitch, professor of political science at the University of California, San Diego and a specialist in international political economics, will serve as the first dean of the new Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, it was announced today by Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson.

This appointment comes after a nationwide search was made by a committee chaired by President-Emeritus, Columbia University and ex-chancellor, UCSD, William J. McGill.

The school is the first professional school of international affairs in the country to focus on the Pacific region, which includes Asian and Latin American countries, and the United States.

Gourevitch, who chaired the campus planning and steering committees, which prepared the academic foundation for the new school, has served as the school's acting dean since April.

"Peter Gourevitch is the perfect person for the job," Chancellor Atkinson said. "He has the academic and administrative skills needed to develop this nation's premier school on studies of the Pacific region. He showed great energy and talent in developing the proposal to create the school, and implementing the plan after the Regents approved it in January."

Atkinson said the graduate school would play a major role in preparing people to handle future issues of trade, politics, and cultural and international relations in this important geographical area.

Gourevitch, whose field of research includes international relations and comparative politics, joined the UCSD faculty in 1979. He earned a Ph.D. in political science from Harvard University and served on the faculties of Harvard University and McGill University, in Montreal.

Gourevitch said, "I think the school is an innovative and bold initiative by the University of California and state officials. I am excited that the State sees the necessity to create a school like this, and I think it's a tremendous challenge to start from scratch. I am excited by the opportunity to do it.

"The school will increase educational opportunities to a wider range of students, provide employers with more people trained to operate in the international arena, and increase our knowledge of the Pacific region," he said.

Before Gourevitch assumed the chair of the graduate school's steering committee, he was chairman of the political science department and the Ad Hoc Committee on Japanese Studies. He is currently a member of the editorial board of "International Organization," a leading scholarly journal on international relations, and the

author of books and articles on international political economy, including "Politics in Hard Times: Comparative Responses to International Economic Crises," forthcoming from Cornell University Press.

Gourevitch has published a body of work on the interaction of international trade and domestic politics, on ethnic nationalism and on economic policy making. He served as chairman of the UCSD Department of Political Science for three years. At Harvard, he served for two years as the acting director for the Center for European Studies, and he was a fellow of Harvard's Center for International Affairs.

This year, Gourevitch received a fellowship from the prestigious Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in Palo Alto. In 1980, he received a fellowship from the National Endowment in the Humanities. He is a member of the Task force on International Competitiveness, Western Governor's Association and a member of the Committee on International Relations Exchange between the United States and the People's Republic of China.

Beginning with the first students admitted in the fall of 1987, the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies will provide training for professional careers in public and private sector organizations that deal with the rapidly developing Pacific region. Graduates will be prepared to enter careers in government, business, finance, foundations, journalism, international organizations, research and consulting.

The school will start with approximately 35 graduate students, growing to about 400 students within five years. Three programs are envisaged: a Master's of pacific international affairs, with about 250 students in a two-year program; a small doctoral program of about 20 students; and several advanced certificate programs of one year or less. When the school reaches its full student capacity, it is projected there will be about 35 full-time faculty, some with joint appointments in other departments on campus.

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