

Dr. Richard Armitage appointed vice chancellor for student affairs at UCSD

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Dr. Richard H. Armitage, vice president for students services at Ohio State University, has been appointed vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of California, San Diego.

Armitage, vice president at Ohio State for the past four years, will serve as dean of students at UC San Diego. He will begin his new duties next June. Dr. Howard F. Hunt, chairman of the Department of Physical Education on the San Diego campus and acting vice chancellor for student affairs since last May, will continue to head the student affairs office until Armitage arrives.

Armitage was associated with Ohio State from 1941 to 1970, serving the last seven years as dean of the graduate school. In July, 1970, he left to become provost and dean of faculties at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He returned to Ohio State in 1971 where he served as the university's first ombudsman.

A specialist in Spanish and Latin American studies, he is co-author of a widely used textbook, "Beginning Spanish, A Cultural Approach," published in 1953 and "Fundamentals of Spanish," published in 1975. He has written articles on foreign language methodology and Spanish American fiction as well as graduate education and the role of the ombudsman.

A native of Ravenna, Ohio, Armitage received a B.A. degree from Oberlin College in 1939 and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Ohio State in 1940 and 1945.

Armitage joined the Ohio State staff as an instructor and rose to the rank of professor in the department of romance languages. He served as acting assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1955 and 1956. A year later he assumed the duties of assistant dean of the graduate school. He became associate dean in 1960 and was promoted to the deanship three years later. (more)

He served as chairman of the Michigan-Ohio regional selection committee for Woodrow Wilson Fellowships from 1960 to 1965. An authority on graduate education, he was elected, in 1973, to membership on the Graduate Record Examination Board in Princeton, New Jersey.

In 1967 Armitage served in South America as a consultant to the United States Department of State and the Institute of International Education and has been consultant on graduate education to several universities both in the United States and South America.

He is a member of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. Armitage, his wife, Janet, and six children live in Worthington, Ohio.

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