

Longtime UC San Diego Dean and Academic Leader Paul Drake Appointed Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

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Paul W. Drake, dean of the Division of Social Sciences for the past 12 years and a member of the University of California, San Diego faculty since 1984, has been appointed as UC San Diego's new Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Drake's appointment, effective Oct. 1, 2007, was approved by the UC Regents at their Sept. 20 board meeting. In his new role, Drake succeeds Marsha Chandler, who stepped down from the senior vice chancellor position in June 2007.

"Paul Drake is a widely respected leader and scholar in both the UC San Diego and international academic communities," said UCSD Chancellor Marye Anne Fox. "As dean of the largest academic division at UCSD, Paul has played a leadership role in many of the campus's key academic initiatives and has succeeded in recruiting some of our top faculty. He assumes this important academic leadership position at a critical juncture in UCSD's development and I am confident that he can help us in leading the university to ever higher levels of success."

During Drake's tenure as dean of the Division of Social Sciences, many departments within the division have risen notably in academic stature and now rank in the top ten academic programs in the nation. The Division has also grown to encompass the largest number of faculty (over 200) on campus with nearly 50 percent of undergraduate seniors now majoring in the Social Sciences.

As Senior Vice Chancellor, Drake will continue to build on UCSD's academic strengths while identifying new innovative interdisciplinary academic initiatives and programs where UCSD can have a major impact. As dean, he helped launch several new interdisciplinary programs, including Human Development and the Kavli Institute for Brain and Mind. Drake also played an important role in the development of the academic plan for UCSD's interdisciplinary Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS), the only school of international affairs in the UC system.

"This appointment is a great honor, challenge, and opportunity," said Drake. "Over the next five to ten years, our overarching challenge is to complete our spectacular growth in grand style. We enjoy a golden opportunity to elevate and consolidate UCSD's position as one of the premier research universities in the world. We must build on strength and, above all, innovate. As in the past, our wonderful faculty, staff, students, and off-campus supporters can make this dream a reality by working together."

According to Drake, UCSD's continuing challenge will be to compete effectively with the very best public and private institutions in the nation for the most outstanding faculty and the most promising graduate students.

"Winning these battles for the best academic talent calls for creative solutions in a time of dramatically rising salaries, perquisites, start-up costs and space demands," he added.

Drake is also credited for his broader campus leadership on behalf of diversity among students, faculty, and staff. Working with the Academic Senate, he co-chaired the initial Task Force on K-12 Outreach. It resulted in

the establishment of the Center for Research in Educational Equity, Assessment, and Teaching Excellence (CREATE) and The Preuss School, where he has continued to serve on its Board of Directors. He also helped design the interdisciplinary California Cultures in Comparative Perspective program, co-chaired the Task Force on Underrepresented Faculty, and served on the University of California's Committee on Affirmative Action. In addition, he promoted new staff development programs, including the MSO Academy.

A longtime member of the faculty in UCSD's Department of Political Science, Drake also maintains adjunct appointments in History and IR/PS and holds the Institute of the Americas Chair for Inter-American Affairs. Drake served as both director of the Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (CILAS) from 1984-89 and chair of the Political Science department from 1989-1993. As director, he made CILAS a leading National Resource Center funded by the U.S. Department of Education. As chair, Paul was a key contributor to Political Science's impressive rise to the ranks of the best departments in the nation.

A renowned scholar of Latin American politics and history, Drake has published 10 books, dozens of major research articles and has been awarded a wide range of grants and citations, including fellowships from Fulbright, the Ford Foundation, the Wilson Center, and the Social Science Research Council. He was also elected president of the interdisciplinary Latin American Studies Association. Among his many scholarly distinctions, Paul received the Bolton Prize in 1979 for the best book on Latin American History and the Bryce Wood Book Award for the best book written in any discipline on Latin America in 1989-90.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Miami University, in Oxford, Ohio, Drake received his Ph.D in History from Stanford University in 1971 and was a professor of History at the University of Illinois from 1971 to 1984, before joining UCSD. He received teaching awards at both Illinois and UCSD.

Drake will receive an annual salary of \$300,000. Per UC policy, there will be a five percent monthly contribution to the Senior Management Supplemental Benefit Program. Drake will also receive an annual automobile policy of \$8,916 and authorization by the UC Regents to participate in the Mortgage Origination Program (MOP) with a loan up to \$1,330,000.

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