

## **Chancellor Atkinson will recommend to the Regents the appointment of Faustina Solis as provost of Third College**

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Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson announced today (February 9) that he will recommend to President David Saxon that the University of California Board of Regents approve the appointment of Faustina Solis as provost of Third College, University of California, San Diego.

Solis, an associate professor in the Department of Community and Family Medicine at the UC San Diego School of Medicine, was named acting provost last July after Provost Joseph Watson resigned in June to become vice chancellor-undergraduate affairs.

Atkinson's recommendation follows a recommendation to Vice Chancellor-Academic Affairs John Miles by a nine-member campus committee of students, faculty and staff. Solis was selected from among four finalists for the provost position.

The University of California Board of Regents will be asked to approve the appointment during its March 19 meeting in Los Angeles.

Solis will be the second woman to be named provost of one of the four colleges which make up the UC San Diego general campus. The first was Dr. June Tapp, who served as provost of Revelle College from 1976-78.

Solis will be the second provost in the history of Third College, which began admitting undergraduates in 1970 and presently boasts an enrollment of 2,038.

Solis is a member of the Third College faculty in addition to her duties at the School of Medicine. She has had extensive teaching and administrative responsibilities within Third College's Urban Studies & Planning Program.

The new provost has served as deputy director of the public health division of the California State Department of Health and was coordinator and director of the Farm Workers' Health Service Program with the State Department of Health from 1967 until 1971.

In 1975 she was elected president of the California Association for Maternal and Child Health, the first lay person to head the organization which had traditionally elected physicians to the post.

Solis is a member of the Early Childhood Committee of the American Public Health Association; the California Committee on Regional Medical Programs, and the U.S.-Mexican Border Public Health Association.

She received the Koshland Award from the California Health and Welfare Association in 1965 as "the outstanding social work practitioner of the year."

Solis was also named the outstanding Mexican-American woman in California by the League of Mexican-American Women in 1965 and received the Ethel H. Wise Special Merit Award from the Columbia University Alumni School of Social Work in 1966.

Solis earned her A.B. degree in sociology from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1946 and her Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Southern California in 1954.

"I am pleased that Faustina Solis has been selected as the new provost of Third College," said Atkinson. "Professor Solis has performed admirably as acting provost and has won the respect and support from both students and faculty. This appointment will serve the campus and the San Diego community well."

The job of the provost is to act as the academic and administrative leader of the college. Among the duties are the shared supervision of the academic programs of the college, the review and recommendation of all appointments, merit raises, and promotions of faculty affiliated with the college, and responsibility for the quality of academic and student life at the college.

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