

Dr. Arthur Diaz named to steering committee of new National Federation of Chicano and Indian Scientists

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Dr. Arthur F. Diaz, Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the University of California, San Diego, has been appointed to the steering committee of a newly formed National Federation of Chicano and Indian Scientists.

The Federation was formed following meetings at the University of New Mexico of nearly 30 top Chicano and Indian scientists from throughout the United States. Meeting with the scientists were representatives of the National Institutes of Health and the National Academy of Sciences.

The objective of the Federation is to "gain more visibility and financial support for graduate-level education among Chicanos and Indians." The members hope to recruit more Chicano and Indian students into top scientific positions, helping them find existing financial support and initiating new sources.

Most of those meeting in New Mexico hold doctorate degrees in some field of science. They plan to meet again in the fall and present papers in their specialities.

Diaz, a member of the faculty in the UCSD Department of Chemistry since 1970, attended Calexico Union High School and San Diego State College, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1960. He received a Ph.D. in Chemistry from UCLA in 1964.

He served as a teaching assistant, research assistant and assistant research chemist at UCLA and as a research chemist at TRW Systems in Redondo Beach before coming to San Diego. He is a member of the American Chemical Society, Phi Lambda Upsilon, and Sigma Xi.

In 1971, Diaz was given an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Grant for a summer research study program for minority undergraduate students.

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