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THE PRESIDENT

To: CSUSM Faculty & Staff,

I'm writing to share with you that **Dr. Ranjeeta Basu has been appointed interim provost and vice president of Academic Affairs.** Her appointment is effective immediately and is expected to continue until our next permanent provost is appointed this summer.

Ranjeeta has been with CSUSM since she arrived in 1994 as an assistant professor of economics. She earned the rank of full professor in 2010 and has previously served as the associate dean for Budget & Operations in the former College of Arts and Sciences as well as interim dean of the College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral and Social Sciences.

In addition to her leadership abilities, broad experience and strong skill set, Ranjeeta has demonstrated a commitment to shared governance, and is held in high esteem by so many across our campus. She cares deeply about our mission and core values, is passionate about diversity and inclusion, and understands the importance of building trust among our community in achieving our goals for academic excellence.

In addition, I'm pleased to share that **Dr. Chuck De Leone has been appointed interim dean of Graduate Studies and Research.** His appointment is effective Monday, Feb. 24.

A talented researcher and collaborative leader, Chuck has served CSUSM since he began as an assistant professor of physics in 2001, earning the rank of full professor in 2011. His research areas include physics education research and, along with his recent work co-leading the Advisory Committee on Innovation and Entrepreneurship, he is actively involved with several research grants, including two from the National Science Foundation.

I can't thank Ranjeeta and Chuck enough for their leadership and support of CSUSM during this time of transition. I am grateful to them both for accepting these interim appointments, and I hope you will join me in welcoming them to their new roles.

Sincerely,
Ellen Neufeldt, Ed.D.
President