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Sparling Appointed Director of Cal Poly's Student Academic Services

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Susan Sparling is the new director of Cal Poly's Student Academic Services as of July 1. She was appointed to the post by Cornel Morton, vice president for student affairs.

Student Academic Services includes the Academic Skills Center, Connections for Academic Success, the Educational Opportunity Program, Educational Talent Search, Student Support Services, Summer Institute and Upward Bound.

Sparling has been interim director of Student Academic Services since December 2002 and served as associate director from 1999 to 2002. She has been with Cal Poly since 1974. She has initiated a number of programs there, including Supplemental Workshops in Math, Summer Institute and First Year Seminars, been active as an academic advisor, and was instrumental in the writing of the initial grants for all the office's current grant-funded programs.

Sparling earned a B.A. in English and education from the University of Texas at Austin and an M.A. in education from Cal Poly, as well as teaching and reading specialist credentials in Texas and California.