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Glidden Named Interim Cal Poly President

CSU appoints former Ohio University president to lead SLO campus

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Robert Glidden, president emeritus of Ohio University, has been named interim president of Cal Poly, effective Aug. 1.

Glidden served as president from 1994 to 2004, overseeing a university of six campuses with more than 29,000 students in southeast Ohio.

Glidden also served in a number of capacities at Florida State University from 1979 to 1994, including provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, and dean and professor of the School of Music. Glidden has also held academic appointments in music at Indiana University, the University of Oklahoma and Bowling Green State University in Ohio.



"Bob is an experienced president and higher education administrator, and his leadership will help Cal Poly to continue moving forward," said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed. "He has a wealth of experience and has served in a variety of capacities at several comprehensive four-year universities. We appreciate that he has agreed to un-retire and join the Cal Poly campus."

Glidden earned his bachelor of arts in music, master of arts in music performance and literature and doctorate in music, all at the University of Iowa.

Glidden will assume the interim appointment following the July 31 departure of retiring President Warren J. Baker. Glidden will serve until the presidential search is completed. His salary will be set at the CSU Board of Trustees meeting in July.

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