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Betsy Kinsley Named Cal Poly Chief of Staff

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Betsy Kinsley will become the new chief of staff for the President’s Office at Cal Poly, the university announced today. Kinsley, who was selected following a national search, succeeds Dan Howard-Greene, who retired as chief of staff in December after 16 years. Her appointment is effective July 11.

Kinsley, 35, has been chief of staff for President Stephen Weber at San Diego State University since 2008, where she manages the operations of the Office of the President and the Office of Diversity.

Kinsley has a background in government service and civic engagement, serving as a chief of staff to the San Diego City Council President, as a legislative aide and law clerk to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, and as a community volunteer for sustainable community initiatives.

In naming Kinsley, Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong said, “Betsy has a strong track record as an effective problem solver. People like her and trust her. She is a strong believer in shared governance and has proven she knows how to work effectively with faculty, staff, students and alumni on behalf of the university. I look forward to her enthusiasm and commitment to excellence at Cal Poly.”

Kinsley earned a bachelor’s degree at the University of Richmond, where she majored in Spanish and International Studies with an emphasis in Politics and Diplomacy. She earned a law degree from the University of San Diego School of Law and is a member of the California Bar.

“I’ve long admired Cal Poly’s reputation for excellence and its commitment to student success through its Learn by Doing programs,” Kinsley said. “I look forward to contributing to Cal Poly’s special mission as one of the country’s premier polytechnic universities.”

Originally from upstate New York, Betsy has lived in San Diego the past 11 years. Betsy and her husband Cole have a one-year old daughter and a three-year old son.

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