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**Administrator from Georgia State University
To Lead Administration and Finance Division at Cal Poly**

Lawrence R. Kelley, who has spent 25 years in executive business and financial positions at several universities, has been selected vice president for administration and finance at Cal Poly.

Currently associate vice president for finance and administration at Georgia State University, Kelley will begin his new duties Feb. 25. He succeeds Frank Lebens, who has retired.

In addition to his role as the university's chief fiscal officer, Kelley will have oversight responsibilities for contract and procurement services, capital project planning, design and construction, facility maintenance, human resources, reprographic and mail services, risk management, and university police.

"Lawrence Kelley, with his notable career in financial and administrative management, especially at institutions of higher education, is the type of person who will help keep Cal Poly moving forward in the future," President Warren J. Baker said.

"The person who serves as vice president for finance and administration must have depth and breadth of knowledge and experience in a variety of areas to successfully meet the challenges that Cal Poly - and the CSU - are facing in meeting demands for increased enrollment and facilities," Baker said. "Lawrence Kelley possesses those attributes."

Kelley has served at Georgia State University since 1997 as treasurer and associate vice president. At GSU he oversees auxiliary services, budgeting, business services, facility planning, financial accounting services, human resources, internal audits, physical plant, police, the performing arts center and treasury operations.

Prior to that, he held financial positions at the University of Maine, Kent State University, Miami University and the University of Akron. Earlier in his career, Kelley served as a financial manager for two food corporations.

He earned a bachelor's degree in education, with a minor in accounting, as well as a master's degree in technical education-educational finance from the University of Akron. He also pursued doctoral course work in higher education administration there.

Kelley is active in the National Association of College and University Business Officers and on its Center for Institutional Accounting,

Finance and Management Committee. He also serves on the editorial board of the association's magazine.

Vicki Stover, Cal Poly's associate vice president for administration and finance, will be the administrator in charge of the division until Kelley arrives on Feb. 25. Rick Ramirez, associate vice president for finance, budget and analytic business services, will be the chief financial officer until Feb. 28.

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