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Cal Poly Architecture Dean To Leave Post in June To Teach, Help Raise Funds and Develop Programs

Martin Harms, dean of Cal Poly's College of Architecture and Environmental Design for the past five years, has announced that he will retire from the deanship at the conclusion of the current academic year.

Following a sabbatical year, Harms will return to a faculty position in the Architecture Department in 2003-04 and will also undertake assignments for the university to support fund-raising efforts and the development of international and other programs.

"Martin Harms has provided dedicated, effective service to the college and the university," said Provost Paul J. Zingg. "He has fostered interdisciplinary activity, launched the college's Centennial Campaign and strengthened its advisory council and industry relations. He also has advanced the college's reputation, both regionally and nationally, as a center for excellence in undergraduate architecture and design programs."

Richard Zweifel, associate dean of the college, has been appointed interim dean by President Warren J. Baker and Zingg to succeed Harms until a national search identifies a permanent dean.

The search for the new dean will begin immediately through the engagement of the faculty and other college constituencies to develop the position description and to align it with the college's strategic plan and needs.

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