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Cal Poly Names Keith Humphrey of Arizona as New Vice President for Student Affairs

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Current University of Arizona administrator Keith Humphrey has been named Cal Poly’s new vice president for student affairs, the university announced today. Humphrey will begin his duties in February.

At Arizona, Humphrey is the assistant vice president for student affairs, dean of students and an assistant professor of practice in higher education. He has previously served as assistant dean of students, associate dean of students and director of orientation, all at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Humphrey will lead a division that affects the lives of Cal Poly students both inside and outside the classroom. Among the varied programs within Student Affairs are Associated Students, Inc., Career Services, the Disability Resource Center, University Housing, Health and Counseling Services, the Parent Program, and Student Life and Leadership.

“Keith brings a strong background in student-related services and higher education expertise that will make Cal Poly even stronger,” President Jeffrey D. Armstrong said in announcing Humphrey’s hiring. “He shares our value that student success is the top priority, and he knows the critical role that Student Affairs programming plays in students’ academic success.”

Armstrong added, “Keith will quickly get involved in the San Luis Obispo community, and I am counting on him to bring sharper focus to our efforts to show students how they can benefit from excellent relationships with their neighbors in the city.”

About his appointment, Humphrey said, “I’m honored to become part of Cal Poly and its Learn by Doing traditions. When I interviewed on campus, I couldn’t help but be deeply impressed by both the positive energy that I saw in the students and the forward thinking of the faculty and staff. I’m looking forward to helping Cal Poly continue its long tradition of excellence.

“Personally, my family and I look forward to becoming involved in the San Luis Obispo community,” Humphrey said, “and I am especially eager to help students forge even stronger relationships with their community neighbors.”

In his current role at the University of Arizona, Humphrey oversees more than 200 staff members and a \$28 million budget. His responsibilities include Health and Counseling Services, Student Media, Early Academic Outreach, Cultural Centers, Judicial Affairs & Academic Integrity, Fraternity & Sorority Programs, Parent & Family Programs, Student Activities & Student Governments, and Veterans’ Services.

Humphrey received his bachelor’s degree in government from The College of William and Mary, his master’s of education in counseling psychology from James Madison University, and his doctorate in higher education from the University of Arizona. He is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and grew up in Stamford, Conn. He and his partner, Brett Klay, have three children.

Humphrey will assume leadership of the Student Affairs Division from interim Vice President Preston Allen. Allen, who is Cal Poly’s executive director of University Housing, has led the department since Jan. 1, when former vice president Cornel Morton became Cal Poly’s senior advisor to the president for outreach.

“I thank Preston for his leadership,” Armstrong said. “He has been energetic and gracious in

wearing two hats during this interim period, and he has enabled us to make progress on a number of issues in Student Affairs.”

For more information on Cal Poly’s Student Affairs Division, visit www.studentaffairs.calpoly.edu/.

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