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Cal Poly Business Dean Named Provost at Baruch College in New York

Dave Christy Has Led Orfalea College of Business Since 2004

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Dave Christy, dean of Cal Poly’s Orfalea College of Business, will leave the university in midsummer to become provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Baruch College in New York City.

Christy has helmed the Orfalea College of Business since 2004. In that time, he has led efforts to recruit dozens of faculty members, refresh key programs such as economics and industrial technology, and expand outward-reaching programs such as the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program and Low Income Taxpayer Clinic. Cal Poly also initiated masters degree programs in taxation and financial accounting.

During his tenure, the college has consistently been ranked in the annual Bloomberg Businessweek list of the nation’s best undergraduate business schools, reaching a high this year at No. 64.

“Dave Christy has made enormous contributions to the success of Cal Poly and the Orfalea College of Business,” said Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong. “His hard work over the last nine years has enhanced the academic quality of our business degree offerings, expanded research opportunities for our faculty, and strengthened our undergraduate programs and student-advising services.

“We are sad to see him leave our university but proud that he is moving on to such an outstanding opportunity at Baruch College.”

Christy is in his 30th year as a university faculty member and academic leader. He began his career at Penn State’s Smeal College of Business, where he served as department head and associate dean for undergraduate programs before coming to Cal Poly.

“I’m proud of the things we’ve accomplished together in the Orfalea College of Business, and I will continue to embrace Learn by Doing throughout my career,” Christy said. “I look forward to enhancing what is already great about Baruch College, which was built on the principles of providing students with access to an excellent education and the opportunities for success that come with that education.”

Christy was committed to connecting Cal Poly with the San Luis Obispo community. The Orfalea College was a member of the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce. Christy serves on the Economic Vitality Corporation board, the Central Coast Economic Forecast Project, and the Cancer Support Community of the Central Coast. Christy’s involvement in the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship assisted in the establishment of the SLO HotHouse, a business startup collaboration between Cal Poly and the local community.

Located in Manhattan, Baruch is a senior college in The City University of New York system, offering undergraduate and master’s degrees to a student enrollment of about 16,000. Christy will serve as the college’s chief academic officer, managing a budget of more than \$100 million as he oversees the academic programs for the School of Public Affairs, the Weissman School of Arts & Sciences and the Zicklin School of Business, the largest collegiate business school in the nation.

Christy earned his doctorate in business administration with focus on operations management and management science from the University of Georgia, where he also earned a master of education in science education. He earned his undergraduate degree in biology and chemistry at the University of Dayton, Ohio.

Christy will begin his new duties on the East Coast in midsummer. Interim leadership of the Orfalea College of Business will be announced shortly. Cal Poly will conduct a national search

for the next permanent dean of the college.

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