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Cal Poly College of Architecture & Environmental Design Appoints Associate Deans

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Cal Poly's College of Architecture and Environmental Design (CAED) has recently appointed two longtime faculty members to new positions in the college. Kevin Dong will be the new associate dean for administration, and Michael Lucas will serve as the new associate dean for academic affairs.

In his new position, Dong will manage the facilities, technologies and personnel that provide support for the college's five academic programs. He will also be involved in advancement activities and oversee processes for enhancing safety in the college's labs and workshops.

Dong, an architectural engineering professor and a Cal Poly CAED alumnus, holds Master of Science and Master of Engineering degrees in civil engineering from UC Berkeley. He is a licensed civil engineer and a licensed structural engineer in California. He helped develop the architectural engineering specialization in Cal Poly's Master of Science in Architecture program.

"Professor Dong's experience as a creative collaborator who fuses engineering and architecture is a terrific asset for the college as we explore ways to enhance Learn by Doing opportunities with state-of-the-art technologies and support," said college Dean Christine Theodoropoulos.

As associate dean for academic affairs, Lucas will oversee student affairs, coordinate curricular affairs, support faculty affairs and take part in advancement activities that support the college's academic programs. Lucas will also serve as advisor to the CAED Student Council and promote student leadership within the college.

Lucas is a 2008 recipient of the Cal Poly Distinguished Teacher Award. He is a professor of architecture and associate head of the Architecture Department. He earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Cincinnati and a master's degree from Morgan State University, where he taught before coming to Cal Poly. He is a licensed architect in Maryland and a design consultant for regional community groups. He is a planning commissioner for the city of Morro Bay.

"Professor Lucas is an extraordinary teacher and scholar who is deeply committed to the intellectual life of the college," said Theodoropoulos. "He is a dedicated advocate for students and a respected mentor for faculty who brings a strategic, interdisciplinary perspective to our leadership team."

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