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Cal Poly College of Science & Mathematics Appoints New Associate Deans

SAN LUIS OBISPO —Cal Poly's College of Science & Mathematics has named three professors to new associate dean positions. Derek Gragson will focus on facilities, resources and enrollment management. Kellie Green Hall will direct program development, review and assessment as well as strategic planning. Camille O'Bryant will concentrate on student success and welfare and issues of diversity and inclusivity.

"This team brings a strong combination of expertise in different areas," said Dean Phil Bailey. "Derek, Kellie and Camille will help shape the strategies that will advance the college."

Having overseen the college's move into the Warren J. Baker Center for Science & Mathematics, Gragson brings experience in resources management to the position. He also led the team that transformed the introductory chemistry curriculum into a combined lecture-lab format in studio classrooms. Gragson has secured multiple research grants during his time at Cal Poly and was awarded the university's Distinguished Teaching Award in 2009.

Hall has a wealth of knowledge in the area of academic programs, having served as the graduate coordinator and chair of assessment for the Kinesiology Department. Hall has held multiple leadership roles at Cal Poly and in the professional community, including research chair for the Southwest District of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Hall has maintained an active research program and continues to engage students in her ongoing projects. She holds degrees in both mathematics and kinesiology.

Throughout her career, O'Bryant, a kinesiology professor, has focused on issues of diversity and inclusivity on campus and in the community, especially in the area of sports. Her leadership roles have included president of the Western Society for the Physical Education of College Women, co-chair of the Cal Poly Black Faculty and Staff Association, and universitywide mentor and advocate for underrepresented students. O'Bryant received the Cal Poly Distinguished Teaching Award in 2014 and was recently named alumni trustee at Smith College.

"As the college looks toward the future, the associate deans will work with the faculty and staff to support student success in all areas of the college," Bailey said.

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