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Cal Poly Faculty Member Appointed to California Architects Board

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Gov. Jerry Brown appointed Cal Poly faculty member and alumnus Barry Williams to the California Architects Board through the term ending June 30, 2018.

The California Architects Board (CAB) regulates the examination and licensing of architects as part of its mission to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. “The position on the board will provide me with the opportunity to strengthen the dialogue between the educational and professional practice sides of architecture,” said Williams. “With the ongoing advances in technology, I feel it is extremely important to strengthen the symbiotic relationship required to keep the profession in step with our changing world.”

Williams has a long history with Cal Poly. He earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in architecture from the university and has been a lecturer for the Architecture Department for more than 35 years. Williams has been a member of the College of Architecture & Environmental Design (CAED) Foundation Board since 2006, currently serving as the vice president.

Christine Theodoropoulos, dean of the CAED, is confident that Williams will make a significant contribution to the California Architects Board: “Barry Williams is a successful architect and inspired teacher who understands the relationship between architectural education and architectural practice. As a member of the CAB, he will contribute valuable insights about how schools, practitioners and regulators can share responsibility for the professional development of future architects.”

Williams has served as the principal architect and owner of Barry Lorenz Williams Associates in San Luis Obispo since 2010. Prior to that, he was a principal architect at Westberg and White Inc. architects and planners and was a research analyst and professional liability specialist at Design Professionals Insurance Co.

There are approximately 21,000 licensed architects in the state and approximately 11,000 candidates in the process of meeting examination and licensure requirements.

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