Malcolm Wilson named vice president for academic affairs, senior vice president

Dr. Malcolm W. Wilson, who has held a number of important academic positions at Cal Poly during the past 12 years, has been named vice president for academic affairs and senior vice president.

Appointment of Wilson to the chief academic post at the university was made by President Baker.

Wilson's selection for the position was recommended by a campus-wide committee composed of faculty, staff and students after a nationwide search that involved 225 applicants.

Wilson has been interim vice president since July 1, 1986. He succeeds Dr. Tomlinson Fort Jr., who stepped down to join the Metallurgical Engineering faculty.

President Baker said in his announcement that he is confident that Wilson will provide strong leadership for the university's academic programs.

"Dr. Wilson's experience in Cal Poly's administration and his commitment to collegiality and institutional planning will enable him to serve well the important needs of all segments of the academic community," Dr. Baker said.

As chief academic officer Wilson will be responsible to the President for all operations of the university relative to educational policy, academic planning, instructional programs, and faculty personnel actions.

In addition, as senior vice president he serves as acting president in the absence of the President, and he is a key participant in all major university-wide policy recommending bodies.

The seven school deans and Academic Affairs staff report directly to the vice president for academic affairs. Other areas of responsibility include: Academic Programs; Educational Equity; Academic Resources; Educational Services; the Library; Institutional Studies; Enrollment Support Services; Cooperative Education; Extended Education; and Graduate Studies, Research, and Faculty Development.

Wilson, 51, joined the Education Department faculty in 1968 after having taught at public schools in Colorado, Florida, and Arizona.

He is a graduate of Western State College in Colorado, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees, and the University of Arizona, where he completed his doctoral studies in 1973.

At Cal Poly Wilson has played an important role in overseas educational programs and in development of the reading education programs of the Education Department.

He spent part of 1969, and all of 1970 and 1971 as a member of the Cal Poly teaching team at the combined University of Botswana, Lesotho, and Swaziland. While there, he was director of short courses for primary school headmasters from all three African nations.

On his return to Cal Poly, he was a major contributor of materials for Cal Poly's teacher credential program in reading and worked on development of the reading laboratory and graduate courses that support that program. He is an acknowledged expert on CSU mode-and-level funding formulas.

Wilson and his wife Loris reside in San Luis Obispo. They have a son and a daughter — Dr. George Michael Wilson of Indianapolis and Mrs. Kimleah Collins of Sisquoc, Calif.