

Message from the President:

“Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce that the Division of Academic Affairs of the California State University has granted approval for CSU Channel Islands and CSU Fresno to offer jointly a Doctor of Education degree program in Educational Leadership, effective summer 2016.

This Ed.D. program has the advantage of shared resources between the two campuses. Fresno State will take a leadership role in the start-up years of the program, specifically in terms of implementing and evaluating the program; however, responsibilities will be equally shared in subsequent years.

In addition to serving the need for advanced leadership studies for the region at large, this program will provide a pathway to a terminal degree specifically for the region’s Latina/o population. There is a severe discrepancy between the general population and the makeup of California’s school leadership demographics, as well as with the makeup of CI’s graduate student population. While many benefits of this partnership will come to our students, campus and region, this opportunity will help us as an Hispanic Serving Institute to meet our obligation to prepare school and community college leaders that reflect the demographics of our service area. Through this collaboration, we will be able to provide educational leaders with access to the only doctoral program in our service area offered at public university cost.

If you have any questions or request further information, please contact Dr. Gary Kinsey, Associate Vice President of the School of Education, at [gary.kinsey@csuci.edu](mailto:gary.kinsey@csuci.edu) or 437-8594.

Sincerely yours,

Richard R. Rush  
President”