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FROM: Mr. Robert Irey
Chairman, Council of Trustees
California University of Pennsylvania

TO: Our campus community



The Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education has chosen to take a new direction regarding the leadership of California University.

At the close of business yesterday, Dr. Angelo Armenti Jr.'s tenure as president ended, and our succession plan has been implemented.

As chairman of the California University Council of Trustees, I join my fellow council members in assuming responsibility for the continued success of our students, our mission and our campus. Provost Geraldine Jones will serve as acting President, and we will begin a search for a new president in the near future.

My fellow council members and I commend Dr. Armenti for his leadership and long service to California University. Dr. Armenti's dedication to our students, and to the mission of this great University, have been unparalleled.

Under his leadership, Cal U raised its academic profile by hiring exceptional faculty and working to obtain accreditation for every eligible program. He established the University's highly successful Global Online program, ranked No. 1 in the nation for two years in a row.

Dr. Armenti defined Cal U's mission of "building character and careers." With the continuing success of our students in mind, he organized the University's Internship Center and lifetime Career Services program. His forward-thinking *Cal U Fusion* initiative urged students and faculty to embrace emerging technologies and step boldly into the future. And in the spirit of *Cal U for Life*, he called upon every member of the campus community to remain actively engaged with their alma mater.

During his 20 years at Cal U, Dr. Armenti infused the campus with the principles of Dr. Stephen Covey's *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. He founded Cal U's Character Education

Institute and personally offered *7 Habits* training to hundreds of students, faculty and staff. As president of the world's first FranklinCovey Leadership University, he shaped the Cal U *Leader for Life* leadership development process.

Most dramatically, Dr. Armenti transformed our campus. His master plan guided Cal U's growth into a world-class institution that will stand as a lasting legacy to his leadership and vision.

I wish to assure our faculty, staff, alumni, community partners and, especially, our students that the Council of Trustees is committed to maintaining California's position as a leader not only in southwestern Pennsylvania, but also within the State System of Higher Education.

I will keep you apprised as we begin the search for a new president to lead Cal U.

Robert Irey
Chairman, Council of Trustees
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