



A CHABSS Transition – Thank You Dean Shapiro and Welcome Dr. Rider

The new year marks a transition in the College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral & Social Sciences (CHABSS). Dean Shapiro is stepping down as Dean at the conclusion of the Fall 2015 semester and will seek other ways to contribute to the university. In this transition, Dr. Robert “Bob” Rider has accepted the temporary appointment as the Interim Dean of CHABSS effective January 1, 2016.

Dean Shapiro joined CSUSM in August of 2011 as the founding dean of the CHABSS. He supported the continued growth of existing programs to meet student demand and led the strategic planning and implementation of new, innovative, student-focused initiatives and programs. He is confident that the College is in a very good place and is positioned for continued success going forward. Please thank Dr. Shapiro for his dedicated service as the founding dean of CHABSS.

On January 1, 2016, we welcome Dr. Rider as the Interim Dean of CHABSS. Currently, Dr. Rider is a Professor and Department Chair in the Department of Economics in CHABSS. He is a respected colleague within the College and across the University with the administrative experience and skills needed to support the excellent initiatives and programs in CHABSS.

Dr. Rider’s management experience includes appointments as Department Chair, Program Director, Interim General Education Coordinator, Interim Associate Dean for Budgeting and Scheduling (College of Arts and Sciences), and Interim Assistant Vice President for Faculty Affairs. Since joining CSUSM in 1992, Dr. Rider has served on many tenure track faculty search committees, peer review committees, college governance committees, Academic Senate committees, administrator search committees, the North County Higher Education Alliance, and numerous other committees. In addition, he served on the Social and Behavioral Sciences Building planning committee from initial planning to occupancy.