



CSUCI President Chosen for Nationwide Higher Education Cabinet

Camarillo, Calif., Sept. 29, 2008-California State University Channel Islands President Richard R. Rush has been named as a member of the nation's first Higher Education Cabinet. The cabinet, which was formed by The Chronicle of Higher Education and The New York Times, is comprised of presidents, trustees, and leaders from 76 colleges, universities, and higher-education associations from across the nation.

The cabinet's goal is to identify trends and to have direct discussions about the most pressing issues facing higher education.

"I am honored to be invited to participate in this national dialogue and I hope to contribute significantly to its success," Rush said.

The cabinet's first meeting was facilitated by journalists from The Chronicle and The Times. Cabinet members were asked about the issues they face each day and how they are planning for the future. The discussion results from the meeting will serve as a platform for future meetings. The cabinet will meet in person once a year and quarterly meetings will be conducted using an online meeting format.

"The New York Times is committed to fostering discussion about the changing landscape of higher education," said Felice Nudelman, executive director, education, The New York Times. She also said The Times was pleased to host the inaugural cabinet meeting and "look forward to continued opportunities to facilitate creative and collective discussions about the key topics in higher education."

Rush is the only California State University campus president chosen for this cabinet. A complete list of the Higher Education Cabinet members can be accessed at <http://www.nytco.com/press/index.html>

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within and across disciplines through integrative approaches, emphasizes experiential and service learning, and graduates students with multicultural and international perspectives.