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*Sent on behalf of Interim President Dumont*

Dear Cal Maritime Community,

As you know, the CSU Board of Trustees has approved the integration of Cal Maritime and Cal Poly into a single university. It is a bold and innovative action that I have every confidence will enhance and expand Cal Poly's academic excellence, as well as its positive impact on an increasingly diverse student body, our state, and the nation.

The integration will have two major milestones. The first will be the administrative integration of the two institutions by July 2025. The second milestone, expected in July 2026, will be the integration of academic programming and student support services.

Jessica Darin, who is serving as Chancellor Garcia's project sponsor and the Cal Poly campus lead for the integration, will work closely with the two campus presidents – at both a strategic and implementation level – to ensure that the implementation process is inclusive, collaborative, streamlined and successful.

Given the scope, complexity, and importance of this effort, I have asked Dr. Dinesh Pinisetty, Executive Dean for Academic Affairs and Dean of the School of Engineering to join Jessica as the Cal Maritime lead for the integration. Dr. Pinisetty brings a deep understanding of our campus and a wealth of experience that will be invaluable throughout this process. He will work alongside me to provide strong leadership as we navigate this important transition.

I look forward to working with both Jessica and Dr. Pinisetty as we move forward on this exciting and consequential work. Please join me in expressing appreciation to Dr. Pinisetty for taking on this critically important role.

Thank you,

Mike