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GROSSMONT COLLEGE NAMES ROGER OWENS DEAN, COMMUNICATION AND FINE ARTS

El Cajon - Dr. Roger Owens, whose educational and teaching experience embraces both community college and baccalaureate institutions, is the new Dean of the Communication and Fine Arts Division at Grossmont College.

Dr. Owens' most recent experience was in international education at UC Irvine, where for five years he taught communications to international students and oversaw a program that placed them in internships. He has also taught communication, writing, and literature at UCLA and Whittier College.

His community college experience includes Saddleback College, Santiago Canyon College, and Los Angeles City College.

"Our faculty are accomplished practitioners in their fields," he said of the Communication/Fine Arts faculty at Grossmont. "Students get the benefit of faculty who know both theory and the practical realities of their professions."

Dr. Owens praised the scope of the division he now leads, saying he is "excited about the great variety of upcoming campus events sponsored in our division."

“Grossmont has a great reputation in communication, media, and the arts, and I am proud to be part of this stimulating program.”

Dr. Owens earned his bachelor’s in English and Economics at UC Berkeley. He took his MBA at Pepperdine and his Ph.D at UC San Diego. Dr. Owens assumed his duties early this semester, replacing Shannon O’Dunn, who after her retirement in June had stayed on as interim dean.

“Dr. Owens brings an impressive combination of education, skills and both teaching and administrative experience to the dean position,” said Grossmont President Dr. Ted Martinez Jr. “It is our pleasure to welcome him to our campus just as we prepare to inaugurate our new degree in Musical Theatre.”

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