

March 14, 2018

### **Associate Dean of Financial Aid Selected**

Dr. Christina Tangalakis has been selected to serve as Associate Dean Student Financial Aid subject to Board of Trustees approval March 20, 2018. Dr. Tangalakis presently is serving as the Director of Financial Aid for the Hispanic Scholarship Fund. Prior to that she held positions as Associate Director Financial Aid and Senior Assistant Director at the University of Southern California for five years and Assistant Director Financial Aid for the Pepperdine Graduate School of Education and Psychology for three years. She also was a counselor at Central Washington University for six years.

Tangalakis holds a Doctor of Higher Education Leadership degree from California Lutheran University; Master of Arts, English Literature from Central Washington University; Master of Education, Adult Education Administration from Western Washington University; and a Bachelor of Arts, English for Teachers from the University of Southern California. Her doctoral dissertation focused on the “multiple modes of oppression that work against undocumented students’ access and success in college...”

In her role as Associate Dean, Dr. Tangalakis will lead, support and supervise the administration of college financial aid and ensure college compliance with federal and state regulatory requirements. GCC awards over \$25 million in federal grants, \$2 million in federal loans, and \$2.5 million in state grants to over 8,800 students and waives over \$10 million in fees to over 14,000 students participating in the Board of Governors Fee Waiver program.

Appreciation is extended to the search committee that included Paul Schlossman, chair, Roxanne Rafii, Oda Goodbarian, Kristine Ambartsumyan, Susie Chin, Angineh Baghoomian, Heather Glen, Arda Najarian, and Colleen Gabrimassihi.