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CSU Chancellor Appoints Interim San Jose State University President

*****Susan Martin, Ph.D., takes the helm on August 18 *****

(July 16, 2015) – Chancellor Timothy P. White announced today the appointment of Susan Martin, Ph.D., as the interim president of San Jose State University (SJSU). Martin, the former president of Eastern Michigan University (EMU), is a seasoned higher education leader with extensive experience in managing large, diverse universities. She will assume leadership of the campus on August 18. Martin replaces President Mohammad Qayoumi who is leaving on August 17 to serve as the Chief Advisor for Infrastructure and Technology to Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani.

“Susan’s background and leadership style is a perfect fit for San Jose State,” explained Chancellor White. “Her expertise complements the campus, and she brings more than two decades of experience in leading strategic planning, overseeing and advancing capital projects, implementing campus safety initiatives and encouraging regional collaborations to improve college readiness and admission rates.”

Prior to her tenure as EMU president, Martin served as the provost and vice-chancellor of Academic Affairs at the University of Michigan – Dearborn. She also spent 18 years at Grand Valley State University where she was a professor, department chair, program administrator, assistant and associate vice-president for Academic Affairs and the executive associate vice-president of Academic Affairs.

In addition to her extensive higher education experience, Martin brings impressive public sector leadership experience to SJSU. She worked for many years in the Michigan state government as the Assistant Auditor General and was appointed by two governors to serve as the Deputy State Treasurer for local governments and the Commissioner of Revenue.

She holds a bachelor’s degree in public speaking from Central Michigan University and a MBA and Ph.D. in accounting from Michigan State University.

Trustees will be asked to approve Martin’s salary at their July 21 board meeting. This fall, the Board of Trustees will initiate a national search for Qayoumi’s successor.

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