

Diaz tapped as Fresno State arts dean

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Dr. Jose DiazDr. Jose A. Diaz was announced as interim dean of the College of Arts and Humanities at Fresno State to serve a one-year term.

Diaz, associate dean for the college since 2004, succeeds Dr. Vida Simiian, who served as dean for 10 years before stepping down to return to the Fresno State faculty.

Joining Fresno State in 1972 as a faculty in the music department, Diaz went on to become chair of the department from 1998 to 2004 and also served as the College of Arts and Humanities' representative to the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Self-Study Steering Committee.

Diaz was a founding member of University High School on the Fresno State campus and served on its board from 1999 to 2004.

As associate dean of the college, Diaz helped to develop and collaborate with several artistic and cultural organizations in the San Joaquin Valley and was also founding director of the Center for Creativity and the Arts at Fresno State.

Outside of the university, Diaz has served as vice president on the board of the Youth Orchestras of Fresno and as vice president on the board of the Fresno Coalition for Art, Science and History.

Prior to joining Fresno State, he was a performing musician playing the oboe with orchestras and chamber ensembles in Texas and Mexico.

Diaz has a bachelor's, master's and Doctorate of Musical Arts in Oboe Performance from the University of Texas at Austin.

