Sac State professors ‘ACE’ fellowship posts

Sacramento State Geology Department Chair David Evans and Teacher Education Professor Jana Noel have been named ACE Fellows for the 2012-13 academic year by the American Council on Education. The announcement was made today by ACE President Molly Corbett Broad.

Each ACE Fellow focuses on an issue of concern while spending a set amount of time working at a host university with its president or other senior officer. They also take part in interactive learning opportunities, read extensively in their selected field and engage in other activities to condense years of on-the-job experience into a single semester or year.

Evans says he has enjoyed his experience as a department chair. “I am ready to move on to new administrative challenges, and I am excited about the opportunity to be an ACE Fellow,” he says. “I want to thank President Gonzalez for nominating me. I’m sure the respect he has within ACE means that his nomination carried a lot of weight.”

Noel, who already is a Provost’s Fellow for Community and Civic Engagement, is honored to take on this new fellowship. “I am excited to spend a year focused on learning the myriad dynamics involved in leading an institution of higher education while addressing some of the key issues affecting higher education,” she says. “I look forward to learning and contributing at my host institution and then at Sacramento State following the ACE Fellow experience.”

Established in 1965, the ACE Fellows Program strengthens institutions and leadership in American higher education by identifying and preparing senior faculty and administrators for responsible positions in university administration.

Over the last 47 years, more than 300 out of approximately 1,700 participants have become chief executive officers and another 1,100 have become provosts, vice presidents or deans.

Evans and Noel are scheduled to get their assignments sometime in May. They join 55 other educators selected this year from around the nation.
For more information on the ACE Fellows Program, visit www.acenet.edu. For media assistance, call Sacramento State’s Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156.

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