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Sac State dean is renamed to prestigious earthquake-safety commission


Macari was nominated in November 2010 by then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who designated him the “go-to person” for California’s earthquake-related issues.

The 20-member commission investigates earthquakes and recommends policies and programs needed to reduce earthquake risk. It also researches earthquake-related issues and reports.

In addition to his duties as dean, Macari is the director of the California Smart Grid Center at Sacramento State. He came to the University in 2006, after serving as the science and engineering dean at the University of Texas at Brownsville, the director of the National Science Foundation’s Centers of Research Excellence in Science and Technology, and chair of Louisiana State University’s civil and environmental engineering department. Earlier, he taught geotechnical engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology. Macari has both a master’s degree and doctorate in civil engineering from the University of Colorado.

His reappointment to the Seismic Safety Commission requires state Senate confirmation.

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