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Golden Gate University President David J. Fike Named AICCU Executive Committee Chair

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – (October 21, 2020) – The Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities has elected Golden Gate University President David J. Fike as its new chair of the AICCU Executive Committee. President Fike’s two-year term begins October 21, succeeding Biola University President Barry H. Corey.

“We have made exciting progress under Barry Corey’s leadership and I’m excited to help expand opportunities for California students across the state to attend our great independent, nonprofit institutions,” said Fike. “These are tremendous times for higher education and our collective work is more important than ever. I look forward to working diligently with the Legislature, the Newsom Administration, and my colleagues in the UC, CSU, and community colleges to ensure our students and institutions’ needs are addressed equitably as the state and its communities recover from the global pandemic.”

Fike is the seventh president of Golden Gate University. Previously, he was chief academic officer and dean of faculty at Holy Names University in Oakland, another AICCU member institution, and was president of Marygrove College, in Detroit. Since assuming the presidency of Golden Gate University in 2015, the university has launched four new undergraduate programs and enhanced affordability, comprehensively restructured the curriculum in the school of business to better meet changing interests of career-minded students, improved the diversity and academic profile of incoming law classes, and is on the verge of launching a unique hybrid law program to expand access. Moreover, despite the extreme pressures of the COVID-19 pandemic, GGU’s enrollment has grown or held steady across the board so far.

Fike received a bachelor’s in political science from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Maryland, College Park. As a Kellogg National Leadership fellow, he focused on innovative public/private partnerships designing sustainable development strategies for low-income urban communities.

“I am proud of the work President Fike has accomplished at Golden Gate University and as vice chair of our executive committee,” said AICCU President Kristen Soares. “I am confident he will continue to lead the association with the same strength and excellence he leads Golden
Gate. AICCU is also grateful for the leadership of President Corey, who has helped lead the association as we tackled very challenging policy and political issues, including working with state and local leaders to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

About AICCU
The Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) is comprised of 84 independent, nonprofit colleges and universities, which make up the Independent California Colleges and Universities (ICCU) sector. The ICCU sector plays a pivotal role in the development of the state’s model higher education offerings and in making California a symbol of innovation across the globe. Within California, ICCU institutions award over 20 percent of all undergraduate degrees and over 50 percent of graduate degrees, making them the largest preparers of California’s advanced workforce.

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