

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to officially announce the appointment of Dr. [Tonika Duren Green](#) as Associate Vice President for Campus Community Affairs in the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Diversity, effective July 1. Green has also been appointed interim director of the Black Resource Center, effectively immediately.

Green currently serves in a senior advisory role for the subdivision of Campus Diversity and is a Counseling and School Psychology professor. Green has the distinction of being the inaugural Charles Bell Scholar, a professorship named in honor of the first Black faculty member to receive tenure at San Diego State University.

In her role, as the Associate Vice President for Campus Community Affairs, Green will develop and implement an integrated vision and shared responsibility for advancing institutional goals and for fostering and affirming a campus culture based on core values of excellence, equity, diversity, and inclusion. Green will also provide senior leadership to a number of key areas, including the new department of Graduate Life and Diversity, led by Dr. Feion Villodas, SDSU's 15 employee resource groups, and the Professors of Equity program. In addition, Green will serve as the lead diversity officer for the microsite programs at our local community colleges.

As interim Director of the Black Resource Center (BRC), Green will advance efforts to improve the retention, graduation, and success of Black and African American students. Green is well known to the BRC community, having previously served as the director of the Henrietta Goodwin Scholars (HGS) program, named in honor of the first Black student to graduate from SDSU and offering mentorship and academic support for African American freshmen. As Director of HGS, Green served as SDSU's lead in developing and implementing comprehensive, holistic retention programming for incoming students interested in the Black and African American experience.

Among her numerous accomplishments, Green is a nationally certified school psychologist and has received two Presidential Awards of Recognition from the National Association of School Psychologists for her service. She is committed to preparing school psychologists who are multicultural thinkers and actors, who understand how racial, ethnic and sociocultural factors influence student performance. Green publishes in the areas of social justice within education, recruitment and mentorship, and improving outcomes for youth in foster care. She has been awarded more than \$3 million dollars in federally funded grants designed to train school professionals to improve outcomes for marginalized and underserved youth.

Green's leadership roles include 20 years of experience as a faculty member at SDSU and serve as a grant director, chair of several university and community groups and director and founder of the African American Mentoring Program (AAMP), which is devoted to recruiting, retaining, and reaching students of African descent. Green is a native of Richmond, Virginia and enjoys spending time with her husband, Torrie, and daughter, Tori Faith.

Please join me in congratulating Green on her new appointments.

Sincerely,

J. Luke Wood, Ph.D.

Vice President for Student Affairs and Campus Diversity