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Guy Custis Named UCLA Arts Assistant Dean for Administration

Brings extensive experience in administration, arts management

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Building on an 18-year career at UCLA, Guy Custis has taken on senior management responsibilities for the UCLA School of the Arts and Architecture (UCLA Arts) as the new Assistant Dean for Administration. Christopher Waterman, Dean of UCLA Arts announced his appointment of Custis after a national search, which included candidates from academia, business and the public arts.

“Having worked closely with Guy for more than six years, I have a high degree of confidence in his knowledge of the School and its varied programs, his commitment to and understanding of our mission, and his ability to exercise humanely the authority associated with his new title,” said Dean Waterman. “I believe that he will provide exemplary leadership in the pivotal role of Assistant Dean for Administration and I look forward to working with him in the years to come.”

Custis began his UCLA service in 1991 in the office of the Assistant Vice Chancellor – Administration, working for the campus executive overseeing facilities management, environment, health and safety and the campus police department.

In August 1994, Custis joined UCLA Arts as an administrative analyst and then a senior administrative analyst. During that time, he worked on the planning and coordination of key capital projects such as the Broad Art Center, Gloria Kaufman Hall and the Kinross buildings; provided management services for the UCLA/James A. Doolittle Theater; and managed the UCLA Arts web portal, overseeing the creation of new sites and applications. In March 2007, Custis was named Director of Operations, charged with responsibility for major renovation and facilities projects and capital improvements. He also serves on the UCLA Project Review Group and Campus Facilities Coordinating Commission.

Prior to his time at UCLA, Custis worked for public radio stations KUSC in Los Angeles and WNYC in New York, and worked as an actor and stage manager with the New York Art Theater Institute for approximately 10 years. He graduated from UCLA in 1978 with a B.A. in Theater Arts.

Custis begins his new position immediately. He replaces Pat Baxter, who retired in July after more than 30 years of service with the University of California.