SDSU Provost Nancy Marlin announced Friday that David E. Pearson will be the new dean of the San Diego State University-Imperial Valley Campus. Pearson replaces the retiring Stephen Roeder and will assume his new role on July 31.

“Dr. Pearson’s extensive and successful academic and administrative experience at University of Texas at Brownsville will greatly benefit our Imperial Valley Campus and our important work with the community,” Marlin said.

**Pearson's experience in Texas**

Pearson comes to SDSU-IVC after serving as vice president for partnership affairs at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College for the last three years. He spent the past 13 years at UTB/TSC in a variety of roles, including president of the academic senate and as a member of the faculty advisory council for the University of Texas system.

“We are pleased to have found such a qualified individual to lead our Imperial Valley Campus,” said SDSU President Stephen L. Weber.

“SDSU-IVC plays an important part in our mission to provide educational opportunities to the entire region. Dr. Pearson will help us to strengthen our work there into the future.”
Creating a cohesive educational program

The announcement follows the work of a search committee, which included faculty, staff and students.

“We’re fortunate to bring Dr. Pearson on board,” said SDSU-IVC Criminal Justice Professor Michael Sabath, chair of the search committee.

“He has a tremendous amount of relevant experience working at a both a four-year and a community college together. A lot of the things he’s done are likely to be transferable and will help to develop a more cohesive educational program for the valley.”

About Pearson

Pearson earned his doctorate in philosophy and sociology at Yale University in 1988. He received his master’s degree in sociology from Yale in 1981 and completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

He has been a professor of sociology, as well as the co-director of the Dual Language Certification Program at UTB/TSC.
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