Ashish Vaidya, Ph.D., Dean of the Faculty
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Dr. Ashish Vaidya is Dean of the Faculty (2005-present) and Professor of Economics (2002-present) at California State University Channel Islands - the CSU system's 23rd and newest campus. Previously he was the Director of the MBA Program (2003-2005) and the Founding Director of the Center for International Affairs (2004-2006). Prior to joining CI he was Professor of Economics and Statistics, and Associate Chair of the Department of Economics at Cal State Los Angeles (1991-2002). He was the Director of MBA Programs (1997-2001) in the College of Business and Economics at Cal State Los Angeles. He joined Cal State Los Angeles in 1991 after completing his doctorate from the University of California at Davis. His fields of specialization are International Trade, Applied Microeconomics, and Development Economics and has taught courses in Business Strategy and Global Business. He has published research articles in the areas of Strategic and Optimal Trade Policy, Agricultural Policy, as well as pedagogical issues of business and management education in leading journals. Dr. Vaidya is the editor of the two-volume *Globalization: An Encyclopedia of Trade, Labor, and Politics*.

As Dean of the Faculty he provides leadership for over 200 tenure-track and lecturer faculty, two schools (Business & Economics and Education), and 13 program areas, in support of excellence in teaching, research, creative activities, and service. He oversees a budget of $3 million in the Office of the Dean and $19 million in budgets of program areas, centers, and institutes. He oversees student academic progress, and promotes and facilitates the development of interdisciplinary programs. Dr. Vaidya fosters professional development for the faculty and the Academic Affairs staff. He recommends the retention, tenure, promotion of faculty and appointment of Chairs to the Provost. He supervises the employment and retention of temporary faculty and support staff and supervises the Faculty Development office and the Academic Advising Center. Dr. Vaidya represents the faculty and the University to the community at large, and involves the greater community in advisory capacities.

Several of his significant accomplishments include:

- **Strategic Planning**: Led the effort to establish environmental sustainability as a strategic initiative for the University's Strategic Plan. Led the effort to develop and implement program-level strategic plans consistent with the University Mission.
- **University Collaborations**: Collaborated across divisions to open new facilities for instruction, research space, and faculty offices. Led the effort among the Center for International Affairs, Student Affairs, and Extended Education to initiate the process of admitting international students and establishing exchange agreements. Serves as the principal investigator of a collaborative grant with Oxnard College to develop pathways to the Baccalaureate in STEM fields.
- **Faculty Development & Recruitment**: Hired a diverse group of tenure track faculty across all programs through a unique interdisciplinary recruitment process as well as the Director of Faculty Development. In consultation with the Faculty Development Advisory Committee initiated several faculty initiatives to support teaching, learning, and scholarship.

- **Academic Program Development**: Worked collaboratively with faculty and across divisions to launch new academic programs such as Applied Physics, Chicano Studies, Communication, Early Childhood Studies, Global Studies, and Performing Arts. Recruited faculty and launched the Nursing program in partnership with local hospitals and community colleges. Leading the effort to establish the California Institute for Social Business in collaboration with Nobel Laureate Dr. Mohammad Yunus.
- **Faculty-Student Research**: Initiated a new program to support Faculty-Student Collaborative Research. Established CSUCI's Inaugural Faculty-Student Research Forum.
- **Governance**: Led a task force to recommend the structure of academic programs and support for chairs. Established parameters for program and chair support. Ex-officio member of the Academic Senate.
- **Community Engagement & Advancement**: Founded the Dean's Leadership Council comprised of community and industry leaders. Established strong ties to the top regional companies (Amgen, BMW Designworks, Jafra, JD Power, Patagonia, and Sage Publications) and city and county organizations.

Dr. Vaidya serves on several University committees and is CI's representative to the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U). Dr Vaidya is also member and past chair of the City of Thousand Oaks' Business Roundtable, which advises the City Council on business-related issues. He serves on the Board of the Economic Development Collaborative of Ventura County (EDC-VC) a public-private partnership in support of regional economic growth. He is a member of the Strategic Advisory Council for Ventura County, Women's Economic Ventures (WEV), a local, non-profit organization dedicated to creating a just and equitable society through the economic empowerment of women.

In 2001, Dr. Vaidya received the Excellence in Teaching Award in the College of Business and Economics at Cal State Los Angeles. In 2005 he was the recipient of the Bautzer University Faculty Advancement Award given by the CSU Chancellor's Office.

Dr. Vaidya received his B.A. in economics from St. Xavier's College in Mumbai, India, his M.A. from the University of Mumbai, India and his Ph.D. in economics from the University of California, Davis. In 2007, he participated in the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) professional development program for senior higher education administrators, the Millennium Leadership Initiative. In June 2008, Dr. Vaidya successfully completed the Management and Leadership in Education (MLE) program offered by the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University.