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Dear Colleagues:

As chair of the CSU Program for Education and Research in Biotechnology (CSUPERB) Presidents' Commission, I write to announce the appointment of Dr. Ikhide Imumorin as the Executive Director of CSUPERB, effective June 1, 2021.

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Dr. Imumorin is Professor of Biological Sciences, and Director of Research and International Linkages in the Office of the President at First Technical University, Ibadan, Nigeria, adjunct professor in the School of Biological Sciences at Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta and was recently Program Leader for International Animal Agriculture in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. He has total of 30 years of work experience, 20 years since earning his Ph.D. in Animal Genetics and Genomics from Texas A&M University, College Station in 2000. He holds an M.S. in Animal Science from Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria and a B.S. in Agriculture (Animal Science) from the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Nigeria.

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His experience spans teaching, research and service as a professor, researcher, scientific collaborator, invited speaker, consultant, advisor, biotech entrepreneur, and mentor, and is involved in extensive international engagements. As a faculty member, he has mentored more than 60 undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral associates and research scholars from the United States, Africa, Latin America, and Southeast Asia. With academic output of one book, a book chapter, 70 journal papers and over 100 abstracts and conference presentations, Dr. Imumorin's program has received grant support from the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, U.S. Department for Agriculture, U.S. Agency for International Development, foreign governments, and from private industry and foundations. We are thrilled that we have been successful in recruiting Dr. Imumorin to lead CSUPERB and are confident that his skills and experience will continue to advance this critical initiative.

I would like to thank CSU Chico President Gayle Hutchinson, who served as chair of the search committee, as well as members: Dr. Paula Fischhaber (Deputy Chair, CSUPERB Strategic Planning Council, CSU Northridge), Dr. Stanley Maloy (Associate Vice President, Research & Innovation, San Diego State), Dr. Katherine McReynolds (Chair, CSUPERB Strategic Planning Council, Sacramento State), Dr. Ganesh Raman (Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research, Chancellor's Office). The search committee was ably supported by Michael Johnston (Executive Assistant to the President, Chico State) and James Schmitt (CSUPERB Senior Program Administrator, San Diego State). All worked collaboratively to identify an outstanding pool of candidates from which Dr. Imumorin emerged as the unanimous choice.

On behalf of CSUPERB and the Presidents' Commission, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Dr. Bianca Mothé, Professor of Biology at CSU San Marcos, who served as Interim Executive Director of CSUPERB during the past year. Dr. Mothé's commitment to student success and deep engagement with this affinity group as a faculty member helped her seamlessly lead the program during a time of great challenge for the CSU and our campus communities.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Ikhide Imumorin as the incoming Executive Director of CSUPERB and I look forward to our collective efforts as we further CSUPERB's success and impact in California and beyond.

Sincerely,

Soraya M. Coley, Ph.D.  
President, Cal Poly Pomona  
Chair, CSUPERB Presidents' Commission

cc: Dr. Joseph I. Castro, Chancellor  
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