

# Administrator leaves Cabrillo



Grace Mitchell

Grace Mitchell, one of Cabrillo College's top administrators, will be leaving her position at the college for a similar job in Southern California.

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Mitchell — who has been Cabrillo's vice president of instruction for about two years — will serve as vice chancellor at the five-campus Rancho Santiago College in Santa Ana.

She will leave Cabrillo in the middle of this month to assume her new role, at higher pay.

She said she has some regrets, in that she will miss seeing the projects she's been involved with at Cabrillo reach fruition.

However, she said, she suspects the college will continue to operate smoothly without her, even though it has a new president, because it has an experienced administrative staff.

"It's a good professional move," she said about her new job. "But it is hard to leave Cabrillo. Everyone here has been so wonderful to me."

Mitchell came to Cabrillo in December 1984 from American River College in Sacramento, where she served as dean of communications and humanities.

She held other administrative and teaching jobs as well since joining the community college system, and holds a number of degrees. Among her diplomas, Mitchell has earned a bachelor's degree in French from DePauw University in Indiana and a master's in French from the University of Wisconsin. She has also earned a doctorate through the University of Southern California.

Bob Agrella, Cabrillo College president, said the college board of trustees will discuss finding a replacement for Mitchell at a meeting this afternoon.