

# Pister appointed chancellor

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SANTA CRUZ — Karl Pister has been formally named the sixth chancellor of UC Santa Cruz after serving as interim chancellor since August.

Pister will assume his new title on April 1.

The UC Board of Regents approved the appointment Friday at a business meeting at the University of California, Los Angeles. The regents also named UCLA provost Ray Orbach as chancellor of UC Riverside.

"I am very pleased at the affirmation of support that this implies from the campus. That's very encouraging to me," Pister said by telephone from Los Angeles Friday.

Pister, 66, was asked by UC President David P. Gardner last year to administer the campus on an interim basis, after Robert Stevens resigned as chancellor in January 1991. Pister's original appointment was for two years.

"Karl Pister is eminently qualified to lead the Santa Cruz campus," Gardner said in a release. He said he

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based his recommendation on Pister's "sterling performance during his tenure as interim chancellor and the high esteem with which he is regarded by all sectors of the campus community, his fellow chancellors, and the Santa Cruz community."

Pister has been baptized into Santa Cruz politics during the last year with demonstrations and arrests in connection with protests against the proposed construction of colleges Nine and Ten and the \$550 student fee hike.

"Well, it started out pretty rough. I don't have any illusions that things were going to be a honeymoon forever," he said. "But you take the good and the bad together."

He said he sees maintaining continuity in the campus projects he has helped start as an important goal.

Those projects include the university's first comprehensive academic plan and an updated physical master plan; strengthening the role of the colleges; diversifying the student body and staff; and encouraging ties to public schools.

"He's definitely got a lot of the

ingredients we need here at UCSC," said Brant Smith, chairman of Student Union Assembly. "The critical ingredient is he has vision."

Before coming to Santa Cruz, Pister had served as dean of the College of Engineering at UC Berkeley for ten years.

In appointing Pister, the regents granted an extension beyond the standard retirement age of 67 for university executives.

Pister's annual salary will stay at \$150,000.

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