

# UCSC - Kresge New Kresge provost will lead change

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SANTA CRUZ — Nancy Shaw Stoller, who just four years ago was battling to get her job back after being denied tenure, became provost of Kresge College on July 1.

Stoller will lead the college at a time of great change, as Kresge takes on race, gender and sexuality issues as its new educational focus beginning with the fall term starting Sept. 27.

"I was invited to take on the position by the faculty, formally recommended by the chancellor and vice chancellor and officially appointed by the UC president's office," said Stoller, a professor of sociology who has been active in women's studies.

"What it basically demonstrates is that the values that were at issue in the



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Once denied tenure, now provost

university around my tenure fight have been validated," said Stoller.

In 1982, then-UC Santa Cruz Chancellor Robert Sinsheimer denied Stoller tenure despite favorable evaluations and recommendations from the Community Studies Board, the dean and two personnel committees.

He said the quality of her teaching was good, but thought her research was lacking. After a lengthy court battle, a judge ordered an outside review of Stoller's qualifications, and she got tenure and her job back in 1987.

At the time, Stoller called her reinstatement "a victory for feminist research and scholarship, and for women's studies in the University of California system and elsewhere."

Her appointment to the Kresge provost's office, said Stoller, is "a sign the university and the UC system support

scholarship and education that focus on these issues."

Stoller replaced Gerald Vizenor, who was provost for one year before accepting a chairman's position at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

Before Vizenor, Ellen Suckiel was provost for six years. Provosts serve a five-year term, and Suckiel was asked to stay on for an additional year by the chancellor before returning to the philosophy department.

As provost, Stoller will lead the faculty, students and staff at the college in academic and residential life. She will be a member of the Council of Provosts, which serves as a forum for sharing information and developing cooperative programs at the university.

Stoller will continue to teach.