

Lynnette Zelezny, Ph.D., M.B.A.



Dr. Lynnette Zelezny serves as Associate Provost at California State University, Fresno. Her 25-year career in higher education is marked by significant achievement in teaching, grant writing, research and publication, and administrative leadership. For over seven-years, she has served in administrative positions at Fresno State as the Chair of the Department of Psychology (40 faculty, 1100 students), Chair of the Chairs Council (56 chairs), Associate Dean of the Craig School of Business (90 faculty, 3000 students), Dean and Associate Vice President for Continuing and Global Education (over 20 staff, 14,500 students), and Associate Provost (1,500 faculty, 8 colleges, 56 majors, 25,000 students).

As the Associate Provost, Dr. Zelezny serves on the President's Cabinet and oversees Academic Technology and Innovation (Senior Academic Technology Officer), University Accreditation (Accreditation Liaison Officer) and University Engagement, including oversight of the nationally acclaimed Richter Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning. She leads the President's Tablet Initiative; developed and implemented a five-year Information Technology Strategic Plan focused on faculty development, course redesign, and data analytics; leads WASC reaccreditation (2015 site visit); and oversaw Fresno State's contribution of over one-million service hours to the community (an appraised \$28.5 million economic impact) last year.

As the former Dean and Associate Vice President for Continuing and Global Education, a completely self-support operation, Dr. Zelezny was responsible for Fresno State's extended education enterprise (\$6.5 million budget), including online undergraduate and graduate programs, summer school, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Veterans Bridge program, Early Start remediation, and international programs. She developed a strategic plan, reorganized and implemented operational improvements, increased revenue to the university (by \$5 million), and directed facilities renovation. Dr. Zelezny also served as the university's Senior International Officer and lead the American English Institute, Study Abroad, Fulbright programs, and Fresno State's Passport Center, which she founded. Dr. Zelezny was appointed to Chair the President's Task Force on Internationalization to implement strategic international recruitment, streamline application processes (Lean Process Improvement), and admit conditional undergraduate and graduate international students in fall 2012. Dr. Zelezny received a Fulbright International Education Administrator grant (2012).

Dr. Zelezny earned her Ph.D. (1998) in Psychology from the Claremont Graduate University and her M.B.A., with distinction, from Fresno State (2005). She earned a B.A. (1979) and M.A. (1981) in Psychology from Humboldt State University. Dr. Zelezny has published research related to the environment, health, and leadership. As a Professor of Psychology, she taught Statistics, Research Methods, and Social Psychology at Fresno State for more than 20 years, and was the Director of the Psychology Honors program. Dr. Zelezny has received numerous teaching, research, and mentoring awards. Dr. Zelezny was also a visiting professor at the University of Stockholm, Sweden in 2001.

Dr. Zelezny supervises a five-year \$3.18 million Title V Hispanic Serving Institutional grant to improve Hispanic graduation at Fresno State. She is also the co-PI on a National Institute of Health (NIH) grant to develop competitive minority students for cancer research careers, the co-Director of a \$4.5 million NIH grant to improve research infrastructure (biomedical and behavioral) at a minority-serving institution (RIMI), and is the past recipient of a National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) five-year Career Opportunities in Research (COR) grant to place competitive minority undergraduates in doctoral programs.

Dr. Zelezny has professional certificates in Management from Harvard University, and in Executive Leadership from the Wharton School of Business. In 2009, she served as an American Council of Education (ACE) Fellow. She serves on the boards of Rotary International, United Way, and the Fresno Convention and Visitors Bureau. She was named one of Fresno's Top Ten Professional Women in 2011.