

## Coldren Appointed Acting Dean



**Professor Larry Coldren**

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Professor [Larry Coldren](#) has been appointed Acting Dean of the College of Engineering, effective July 1, pending approval by President Yudof and the Regents.

Chancellor [Henry Yang](#)

, in announcing the appointment, stated, "We greatly appreciate Professor Coldren's long-standing dedication to our campus, and his willingness to help ensure a smooth transition for our College of Engineering."

Professor Coldren currently holds the endowed Fred Kavli Chair in Optoelectronics and Sensors within our [Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering](#). He also holds a joint appointment in the [Department of Materials](#), and directs our [Optoelectronics Technology Center](#).

He received his Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Stanford University. Prior to joining UC Santa Barbara in 1984, he spent 13 years conducting research at Bell Laboratories. His pioneering contributions in many aspects of diode laser design, fabrication, and analysis have had important practical impact in commercializing new sources for fiber optic communications, particularly in the areas of vertical-cavity and widely tunable DBR lasers.

He has authored or co-authored over a thousand papers, seven book chapters, and a textbook, and has been issued 63 patents. Professor Coldren has received numerous honors for his achievements and contributions, including election to the National Academy of Engineering and the 2004 John Tyndall Award from the Optical Society of America.



**Professor Matthew Tirrell**

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Dean [Matthew Tirrell](#) will be leaving UCSB to take the position of Arnold and Barbara Silverman Professor of Bioengineering, Chemical Engineering, and Materials Science and Engineering, as well as Chair of Bioengineering, at UC Berkeley, effective July 1. Chancellor Yang characterized Dean Tirrell's ten years here as "a decade of extraordinary accomplishments and contributions as Dean of our College of Engineering."

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