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UC Irvine Business School Dean Elected to the AACSB International Board of Directors

Irvine, CA, February 15, 2017 - Eric Spangenberg, dean of the UC Irvine Paul Merage School of Business, was among nine prominent management education and business professionals newly elected to the AACSB International (AACSB) board of directors for 2017-2018. Spangenberg's three-year term will take effect July 1, 2017.

Founded in 1916, AACSB International is a global association responsible for the accreditation of more than 760 business schools worldwide. As a member of the board, Spangenberg will represent interests for US-based accredited member schools.

“We are pleased to have Eric join our board of directors, and look forward to leveraging his insight and considerable industry experience,” said Thomas R. Robinson, president and CEO of AACSB International. “His global collaborative mindset, talents in strengthening ties with industry, focus on entrepreneurial initiatives, and in-depth understanding of consumer behavior will be instrumental as AACSB seeks to inspire its Member Network to strengthen the business education platform with new ways of thinking and doing.”

“The work of AACSB in representing and furthering the interests and goals of business schools globally is immensely important,” Spangenberg said. “I am honored to serve this influential

organization and welcome the opportunity to be more deeply involved with AACSB as we strive to transform business education for global prosperity.”

About AACSB International

As the world’s largest business education network connecting academe with business, AACSB provides business education intelligence, quality assurance, and professional development services to more than 1,500 member organizations across 97 countries and territories. Founded in 1916, AACSB Accreditation is the highest standard of quality in business education, with 780 business schools accredited worldwide. AACSB’s global headquarters is located in Tampa, Florida, USA; its Asia Pacific headquarters is located in Singapore; and its Europe, Middle East, and Africa headquarters is located in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. For more information, visit www.aacsb.edu.

About The Paul Merage School of Business

The Paul Merage School of Business at UC Irvine offers four dynamic MBA programs – plus PhD, specialty masters and undergraduate business degrees – that graduate world-ready business leaders with the exceptional ability to grow their organizations through strategic innovation, analytical decision-making, information technology and collaborative execution. While the Merage School is relatively young, it has quickly grown to consistently rank among the top five percent of all business programs worldwide through exceptional student recruitment, world-class faculty, a strong alumni network and close relationships with both individual business executives and global corporations. Additional information is available at merage.uci.edu.

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