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## Argyros School Dean Arthur Kraft is New Chair of AACSB

**ORANGE, Calif., July 1, 2006** Dr. Arthur Kraft, dean of the George L. Argyros School of Business and Economics and Robert J. and Carolyn A. Waltos, Jr. Chair in Business and Economics at Chapman University, began a one-year term July 1 as chairman of the board of directors of the world's premier accrediting agency for university business schools, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International).

Dr. Kraft, a distinguished leader in business education on the national front, became dean of the Argyros School in January 2006, coming to Chapman from his previous position as dean of the College of Commerce and the Charles L. Kellstadt Graduate School of Business at DePaul University in Chicago.

Dr. Kraft is a highly accomplished scholar and teacher, and is regarded nationally as a preeminent authority on accreditation, said Chapman president James L. Doti. His service as chair of AACSB International, the premier accrediting body for business schools, will reflect great distinction not only upon that outstanding organization, but upon both Chapman University and the Argyros School.

Dr. Kraft holds his Ph.D. in economics from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He has published many articles in major business and economics journals, and co-authored (with Jeffrey A. Jarrett) the book *Statistical Analysis for Decision Making* (Allyn & Bacon, 1989). His 29 years of previous service with AACSB include chairmanship of the Committee on Issues in Management Education, the Pre-Accreditation Committee and the Accreditation Application Review Committee, as well as many other leadership positions.

The Argyros School of Business and Economics at Chapman University is one of only 527 elite institutions worldwide to be accredited by AACSB International, a global, not-for-profit corporation of educational institutions, corporations and other organizations devoted to the promotion and improvement of higher education in business administration and management. Founded in 1916 and representing more than 30 countries, AACSB is the world's premier accrediting agency for bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs in business administration and accounting.

(Interesting note: Dr. Kraft's identical twin brother, Dr. John Kraft, dean of the University of Florida's Warrington College of Business, held the AACSB chairmanship from 2001-2002.)