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ORANGE, Calif., July 27, 2005 Dr. Harry Hamilton of Newport Beach has been named interim provost and executive vice president at Chapman University in Orange.

Replacing Dr. Hamid Shirvani, who recently assumed duties as the new president of California State University, Stanislaus, Dr. Hamilton previously served as Chapman's provost from 1990 to 2000.

The five years that have elapsed since I left the office have brought good changes to the university, he said, referring to Chapman's new buildings and other campus enhancements, expanded programs and growing reputation as one of the nation's finest independent universities.

During Dr. Hamilton's previous tenure as provost, he was instrumental in the accreditation of the Chapman School of Law, the creation of the film and television school now known as the Dodge College of Film and Media Arts and the acquisition of the university's physical therapy program.

Dr. Hamilton, recently named Citizen of the Year by the Orange County NAACP, arrived at Chapman 15 years ago following a successful career as an atmospheric science professor at the State University of New York. He has served as an advisor to several national agencies, including the National Science Foundation and the National Academy of Sciences, and is currently on the board of Discovery Science Center in Santa Ana, among other organizations.

He earned his master's and Ph.D. degrees in meteorology from the University of Wisconsin and bachelors degree in physics from Beloit College in Wisconsin.

