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## Harold W. Hewitt, Jr. Appointed New Chapman COO

**ORANGE, Calif., Sept. 5, 2007** Chapman University has appointed Harold W. Hewitt, Jr. as its new executive vice president and chief operating officer, Chapman President James L. Doti announced today. The appointment will be effective on October 18. Hewitt most recently served as vice president and chief financial officer of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association, and prior to that was vice president for administration and finance and chief financial officer at Occidental College for ten years. He also served as vice president for business and finance at Whittier College for seven years.

Hewitt fills the position held by Gary Brahm, who has been appointed chancellor of Chapman University College, Chapman's network of 26 academic centers in California and the state of Washington.

We are delighted to welcome Harold Hewitt to Chapman University as a key member of our executive team, said President Doti. During his nearly two-decade career in financial leadership of major institutions, he has consistently built organizations capacity, efficiency and stability by means of innovative operational excellence and consistent focus on results. He brings to Chapman a rare combination of financial expertise and an unwavering eye on the goal of academic excellence. We look forward to benefiting from his broad knowledge and vision as Chapman embarks on many more exciting ventures to come.

Harold is one of the most seasoned executives in higher education, said Brahm. More importantly, he is an individual of exceptional ability and the highest of ethical standards. We are extremely fortunate that we were successful in attracting him to Chapman.

Hewitt said, I could not be more pleased about joining Chapman University. A rarity among its institutional peers, this is a dynamic organization that creates success through bold initiatives and academic excellence. I have followed the universitys evolution closely and have long admired the leadership and vision demonstrated by President Doti, the Board of Trustees, and the senior administrative team. Gary Brahms distinguished service will be hard for anyone to match, but I find this position all the more inviting because Gary remains a colleague going forward. Its truly an honor to become part of this community and I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to Chapmans ongoing success.

Harold Hewitt began his career in non-profit financial management as assistant to the treasurer of the Claremont University Center, where he supported the work of the Central Programs and Services of the Claremont consortium. He then moved to Whittier College (1988 - 1996), first as director of budget and planning, then as CFO. At that time Whittier College was struggling with finances. Hewitt served with a team of administrators who successfully repositioned the college by investing in various enrollment strategies. Hewitt became CFO for Occidental College in 1996 and served in that role until 2006. Occidental was among the first liberal arts colleges in the nation to commit to a mission of academic excellence and diversity. In 1996 it too faced

significant financial challenges and was successfully repositioned while maintaining its mission. For the last year Hewitt has been vice president and CFO of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association, where he led the selection process and initial implementation of a new computer system for marketing, and managed the budget and long-range financial planning processes.

Throughout his career, Hewitt has been active in professional associations serving higher education. He served on the Small Institutions Council of the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO), participated on several NACUBO task forces and committees, served on the Professional Development Committee of the Western Association of College and University Business Officers (WACUBO), and served the regional accrediting authority, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) as a member of the Substantive Change Committee. He served as program chair, and was a speaker and a panelist at various conferences.

Born in Indiana, Hewitt is a graduate of Cornell College, Iowa, and of The Claremont Graduate Universitys Drucker Center, where he earned his MBA with a concentration in finance.