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From 2006 – 2017, Dr. Ramesh served as the Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science at CSUN. As dean, Dr. Ramesh led the effort to establish an annual strategic planning process for his college and managed the rapid enrollment growth in the college from about 2,000 students to over 4,500 today. He developed and implemented a budget model to foster accountability while increasing research grants and philanthropy; created unique interdisciplinary programs including the Master's degree in Assistive Technology Engineering; and collaborated with colleagues in the College of Education on several STEM initiatives to address challenges in K-16. He recruited a diverse group of over 35 faculty, including women and underrepresented minorities, mentoring them for leadership roles.

Dr. Ramesh's collaborations with units outside of Academic Affairs resulted in several innovative projects to support faculty and students. Programs that he developed and implemented such as Tech Fest, and the Annual Senior Design Project Showcase, have strengthened community engagement.

Dr. Ramesh serves in leadership positions on the Boards of several not-for-profit organizations including [IEEE](#) and [ABET](#) and is an IEEE Fellow recognized for his contributions to entrepreneurship in education.

From 1994 – 2006, Dr. Ramesh chaired the department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) at California State University, Sacramento. From 1992 to 2006, he also served as a Professor in the EEE department.

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