San Francisco State University reflects the character of the city around it—innovative, forward-thinking, diverse. Our scientists were the first to discover planets outside the solar system, and we rank number one among comprehensive universities for research grants in the physical and biological sciences. We were the first university in the U.S. to establish an International Relations Department and a College of Ethnic Studies. We rank 12th overall in the nation for graduate diversity, and the Princeton Review names SF State as one of a select few “colleges with a conscience.”

In that spirit, we welcome our new Provost, Sue V. Rosser, a scientist and scholar who brings a wealth of experience to our leadership team. Most recently the first female academic dean at Georgia Tech, and previously a director of women’s studies at several institutions, Dr. Rosser is a strong advocate for women in science. She has authored 12 books and numerous academic articles, and earned several National Science Foundation grants.

Diverse, dynamic leadership for challenging, changing times: that’s the San Francisco State of Mind.