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Ex-CSU San Bernardino administrator awarded \$6M in gender bias lawsuit

A former Cal State San Bernardino administrator was awarded \$6 million in a lawsuit alleging she experienced "severe or pervasive" gender harassment, [the San Bernardino Sun reported](#).

The Oct. 20 jury award to Anissa Rogers, a former associate dean at Cal State San Bernardino's Palm Desert campus, followed a three-week trial in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

Rogers and Clare Weber, the Palm Desert campus's former vice provost, filed suit in March 2023, alleging a pattern of sexual harassment and discrimination impacting female employees. The lawsuit names as defendants Cal State San Bernardino President Tomás Morales, former Palm Desert campus dean Jake Zhu, and the California State University Board of Trustees. Weber's case is expected to go to a separate jury trial next year.

Rogers claimed she was forced to step down after confronting Zhu about a meeting in which male department heads mistreated a female administrator in Zhu's presence. (Zhu retired after Rogers and Weber's lawsuit was filed.) Weber alleged that she was fired after raising concerns to Morales about female vice provosts at the university earning less than their male peers.

CSUSB spokesman Alan Llavore told the Sun the university was "disappointed by the verdict" and "reviewing our options to assess next steps," but declined further comment. CSU officials in the Office of the Chancellor declined to comment to the Sun.

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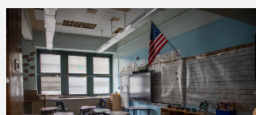
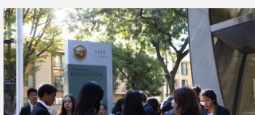
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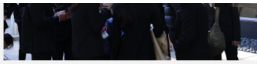
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