



## Nicholas Perkins Hardeman Academic Leadership Award

### Dr. Praveen Soni

Chair, Academic Senate



As chair of the Academic Senate for the past three years and one of three CSULB senators to the CSU system wide Academic Senate (ASCSU), Dr. Praveen Soni has demonstrated strong leadership and helped to advance shared governance on campus.

Dr. Soni represents the Academic Senate on many university bodies, including the President's Cabinet, Senior Management Council, the Resource Planning Process (RPP), the Vice Presidential Campus Goals Group, WASC Steering and Implementation Committees, and the Accessible Technology Initiative (ATI) Steering Committee.

Dr. Soni has streamlined Academic Senate meetings and encouraged open discussion and debate on the Senate floor. He pioneered the creation of a blog to provide the Academic Senate with instant feedback on policies and issues under consideration. He was one of the individuals instrumental in the formation of the WASC Outreach Committee charged with promoting WASC themes to the campus community and increasing faculty participation on various research projects. He also created and currently chairs the campus Academic Calendar Committee responsible for developing the academic calendar.

Dedicated to increasing student involvement, Dr. Soni has worked to enhance student participation in Academic Senate Councils and Committees and was instrumental in making the ASI President a member of the Academic Senate Executive Committee.

A professor in the Marketing Department, Dr. Soni has received many awards for teaching excellence since he arrived at CSULB more than 20 years ago. He was judged Outstanding Professor by MBA students and was granted the Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award in 2006.