Minerva Continues to Grow its Academic Team, Announces Two Appointments

Dr. Richard Holman Appointed at the Minerva Schools at KGI and
Dr. Lloyd Armstrong Appointed to the Minerva Institute for Research and Scholarship

San Francisco, Calif. – January 12, 2016 – The Minerva Schools at KGI, offering a reinvented university experience for the brightest and most motivated students from around the world, and the Minerva Institute for Research and Scholarship, today announced the appointment of two renowned educators to the Minerva team. Dr. Richard Holman is now Dean of the College of Computational Sciences for the Minerva Schools at KGI, and Dr. Lloyd Armstrong is the first Director of Research at the Minerva Institute for Research and Scholarship.

Dr. Richard Holman joins Minerva from Carnegie Mellon University, where he served as Professor of Physics. He has conducted extensive research on the relation between cosmology and particle physics, and has developed novel formal tools that help researchers better understand how the physics of the early universe impacts the universe we see today. Dr. Eric Bonabeau, who formerly held this role, moves into a new position at Minerva as Dean of Global Affairs, where he will manage partnerships between Minerva and other institutions.

Dr. Lloyd Armstrong has been appointed Director of Research at the Minerva Institute for Research and Scholarship and will facilitate faculty research and promote research on Minerva’s unique curriculum and active learning approach. With Dr. Armstrong’s appointment to the Director of Research role, the faculty will see increased support for research in their fields of expertise. Dr. Armstrong is University Professor Emeritus and Provost Emeritus at the University of Southern California and former Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Johns Hopkins University. Over the past thirty years, he has extensively written about the research university of the future. He was inducted in 2014 to the Minerva Academy, an honorary institution dedicated to promoting and rewarding extraordinary advancements and innovation in higher education teaching around the world.

“As we grow, we are thrilled to continue to attract superb scholars and administrators who are experts in higher education,” said Dr. Stephen Kosslyn, Founding Dean. “Dr. Holman and Dr. Armstrong are among the most respected individuals in their fields, and we are delighted that they are eager to bring their expertise, experience and passion to Minerva.”

Accomplished faculty previously at institutions including Harvard, Stanford and MIT are currently teaching Minerva’s four freshman cornerstone courses: Formal Analyses, Complex Systems, Empirical Analyses and Multimodal Communications. Minerva classes are intensive, highly interactive seminars that include no more than 19 students and are conducted on Minerva’s proprietary Active Learning Forum technology platform. Minerva is actively recruiting additional faculty for the 2016/2017
academic year to support the growing student body. Interested candidates may apply at https://www.minerva.kgi.edu/careers/.

“Minerva’s quest to dramatically improve higher education is what initially attracted me to this unique opportunity,” said Dr. Holman. “I am excited to work with such an accomplished group of Deans, faculty and students, and confident that I will learn a lot from them and enjoy doing so.”

About Minerva Schools at KGI
The Minerva Schools at KGI offer a reinvented university experience for the brightest, most motivated students from around the world. Combining an interdisciplinary curriculum and rigorous academic standards, an accomplished faculty versed in the science of learning, an advanced interactive learning platform leveraging cutting-edge technology, and four years of immersive global experience, Minerva delivers an exceptional liberal arts and sciences education for future leaders and innovators in every discipline. The Minerva Schools at KGI were established in 2013 by KGI – Keck Graduate Institute – a WASC (WASC Senior College and University Commission) accredited institution – in alliance with Minerva Project. www.minerva.kgi.edu

About The Minerva Institute
The Minerva Institute for Research and Scholarship, led by Executive Chairman Bob Kerrey, is a non-profit committed to making quality education accessible to all qualified students, facilitating the administration of grant-funded research, and advocating for broad reform in higher education. By offering a variety of scholarship and loan programs, providing a mechanism for more efficient and effective grant administration for research, and recognizing thought leadership in higher education through the Minerva Academy and Minerva Prize, the Minerva Institute is dedicated to solutions that will improve higher education on a global scale. Michael Horn and Stacey Childress both serve on the Minerva Institute Board of Directors. The Minerva Institute houses the Minerva Academy, an honorary institution dedicated to promoting and rewarding extraordinary advancements and innovation in higher education teaching around the world. Nobel Laureate Dr. Roger Kornberg leads the Minerva Academy.