Dr. Willie J. Hagan is the eighth president of California State University, Dominguez Hills, a comprehensive urban university located in the South Bay area of Los Angeles. Established in 1960, CSU Dominguez Hills enrolls close to 15,000 students and awards more than 3,000 undergraduate and graduate degrees each year. The university is a leader in developing groundbreaking programs that foster a college-focused culture in the urban communities it serves, and is a national model for student access and success.

Highly regarded as a results-oriented administrator with a collaborative work style and a proven ability to motivate and lead within the academic community, Dr. Hagan has been president of CSU Dominguez Hills since June 2012. During this time, he has been successful in refocusing and reinvigorating campus-wide efforts on improving graduation rates and student academic success and in identifying and reallocating university resources to advance strategic university priorities, including faculty and staff hiring, technology and academic equipment, and student support.

Dr. Hagan previously served as interim president at CSU Fullerton, effectively moving the campus forward during a time of significant transition. He joined CSU Fullerton in 1996, serving initially as vice president for administration and later as interim vice president for university advancement and subsequently as vice president for administration and finance and chief financial officer responsible for CSU Fullerton’s $380-million enterprise. His many accomplishments at CSU Fullerton include developing and executing financial strategies to purchase commercial and other real estate adjacent to the land-locked campus, successfully positioning CSU Fullerton to accommodate unprecedented levels of enrollment growth over a multi-year period.

Before joining CSU Fullerton, Dr. Hagan served as associate vice president for administration at the University of Connecticut, and as a lobbyist for the University of Connecticut and the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education at the state and federal level. He also led U.S. political delegations to London and Taiwan as a member of the American Council of Young Political Leaders, a bipartisan, nonprofit educational exchange organization dedicated to fostering relations between the next generation of political leaders in the United States and their international counterparts. Dr. Hagan holds a doctorate in psychology from the University of Connecticut and a Master of Fine Arts from UCLA.