

Fullerton College interim football coach Tim Byrnes was named as the full time head coach of the Hornet football team.

After a stellar 2008 season where Byrnes led his Hornets to a 10-2, 6-0 record, a SCFA conference championship, and to the Southern California Semi-Finals, he was appointed to the head position.

"Tim has proven himself to be a superb communicator, recruiter, and tactician and has always held the best interests of his student-athletes paramount. We are pleased to have Coach Byrnes as successor to Gene Murphy and only our third permanent head football coach for the Hornets in the past 47 years", Dr. Pete Snyder, Fullerton College Dean.

Since 1916, Byrnes will be the seventeenth head coach in Fullerton College's long and storied football history.

"Coach Brynes is an excellent football coach dedicated to both the success of the team and the individual players. Because of his demonstrated commitment to Fullerton College and its student athletes, I am delighted to make this appointment", Dr. Kathleen O'Connell Hodge, Fullerton College President.

Heading into the 2009 football season, Fullerton College looks forward to another successful season with Byrnes at the helm.

"With the tradition and history of our football program here at Fullerton College I know the expectations here are very high and I plan on doing a great job in filling those expectations", Tim Byrnes.

Former Cal State Fullerton standout Tim Byrnes enters his 17th season a Hornet coach and his first as the full time Hornet head coach. Byrnes began as an assistant coach at FC in 1993, and the Hornets have sent some 250 players on to the next level in that time - among the most in all of community college football. Byrnes coached the Fullerton running backs and special teams from 1993 through 1996. Byrnes was a standout athlete at Sunny Hills High School, earning All-League, All-County and All-CIF honors as a running back in 1984. He was recruited to play at Cal State Fullerton by Coach Gene Murphy and played with the Titans for four seasons, earning All-Big West honors his senior year.

After he received his bachelor's in business from Cal State Fullerton, Byrnes coached the running backs at Brea High School for two seasons. Former Cal State Fullerton head football coach Gene Murphy took over at Fullerton College in 1993 and hired Byrnes as one of his first Hornet assistants.

Byrnes earned tenure as a full-time faculty member for the physical education division in 2002. Byrnes received his master's degree in physical education from Azusa Pacific University in 1992.

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