Dr. Suzanne Ortega became the sixth President of the Council of Graduate Schools on July 1, 2014. Prior to assuming her current position, she served as the University of North Carolina Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs (2011-14). Previous appointments included the Executive Vice President and Provost at the University of New Mexico, Vice Provost and Graduate Dean at the University of Washington, and the University of Missouri. Dr. Ortega's masters and doctoral degrees in sociology were completed at Vanderbilt University.

With primary research interests in mental health epidemiology, health services, and race and ethnic relations, Dr. Ortega is the author or co-author of numerous journal articles, book chapters, and an introductory sociology text, now in its 8th edition. An award winning teacher, Dr. Ortega has also served on a number of review panels for NSF and NIH and has been the principal investigator or co-investigator on grants totaling more than \$6 million in state and federal funds.

Dr. Ortega serves or has served on a number of professional association boards, committees, including, the Executive Boards of the Council of Graduate Schools, the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), the National Academies of Science Committee on the Assessment of the Research Doctorate, the National Science Foundation's Human Resources Expert Panel, the North Carolina E-learning Commission, the North Carolina Public School Forum, the UNC TV Foundation, and the UNC Press Board of Governors.