
[FacultyStaff] Finance and Administration Leadership Update

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Faculty and Staff,

As I wrote to you on March 13, 2024, Mr. Michael Kelly has transitioned out of his role as Vice President for Finance and Administration.

Today, I met with the staff in the Finance and Administration Division and FSA to let them know of the next steps for leadership of the division and to hear their suggestions about what they would like to see in the next “permanent” Vice President for the division.

Having discussed the urgency of finding a new Vice President for the Division of Finance and Administration with the Senate Executive Committee, we are proceeding with a national search with the goal of filling the position some time between October and December this year. We will work expeditiously to achieve this goal. I am working with members of the University Senate Executive committee to propose and approve a search committee at the next meeting of the University Senate.

In the interim, I have asked Dr. David A. Starrett, Executive Vice President and Provost, to provide executive oversight for the subdivision of Finance, which includes Accounting, the Budget Office, Internal Control, Payroll Services, Student Accounts, and University Services. Dr. Judy Langworthy, Associate Vice President and President of the FSA Board will report to Dr. Starrett. The subdivision of Operations, which includes the offices of Environmental Health and Safety and Sustainability, Facilities Planning, Facilities Services, and the University Police Department will report to me. Both Dr. Starrett and I have met with the leaders of the various units within the Division of Finance and Administration to discuss this plan and how we will work together to ensure a smooth and successful transition to the next Vice President. The President’s Cabinet has also been primed to take on additional duties as appropriate during the next few months. It is my hope that this arrangement will not exceed six months. While this is not the most ideal arrangement, let me note that the university will save about \$90,000 as a result.

I want to thank all the leaders in the Division of Finance and Administration that Dr. Starrett and I have met with to discuss the plan for the interim leadership of their Division. I want to say a very special thanks to Dr. Starrett for volunteering to take on this additional responsibility, and I am also grateful to those in his division and in my office who are offering their support to accommodate these additional responsibilities.

Thank you all for your kind support in this endeavor.

Very truly yours,
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