



# OFFICE *of the* PROVOST

## Update from the Provost

Dear Academic Affairs Colleagues:

Warmer weather is here, and we all hope that COVID will continue to fade into memory, as well. I know that all of us are ready for the end of the Spring 2022 semester and the joy that comes with commencement. Thank you for continuing to handle the current environment with professionalism and energy.

I would like to recognize and share a number of significant personnel and unit changes that have occurred recently or that will become effective in coming months within the Division of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Michelle Williams has been appointed Vice Provost. She has been serving in an interim capacity since June 1, 2021. Dr. Williams will continue her focus on academic programming, academic policies, and curriculum and will provide oversight for key units including Institutional Effectiveness and the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology.

Dr. John Bratten, Professor in the Department of Anthropology, is taking on the responsibilities of Administrative Fellow in the Office of the Provost. In this role, he will act as a point of contact for student grievances and coordinate with appropriate offices across campus to resolve student issues and concerns.

Mr. Geissler Golding assumed the role of Executive Director of Information Technology Services and UWF's Chief Information Security Officer effective April 1, 2022. He was previously the Director of Infrastructure Services for ITS.

Mr. Christophe Lizen is the new Director of Institutional Research, having served as Associate Director since June 2011.

Mr. Dezie Peters was recently promoted to Director of Academic Budgets in the Office of the Provost. He has served in the Academic Affairs Budget Office since January 2001.

I know you will join me in congratulating these colleagues and supporting them in their new roles.

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We continue to work to maintain the best possible campus atmosphere for students, faculty and staff. I am always impressed by the talented, thoughtful and hard-working faculty and staff who make up the Division of Academic Affairs.

There are a number of legislative items that the Florida Board of Governors staff, SUS institutions and administration here are reviewing. Rather than go into detail about the legislation that affects all State University System institutions, I encourage you to review the [Bills of Interest from the 2022 Legislative Session](#). I also encourage you to read [House Bill 7](#) and [Senate Bill 7044](#). You will receive updates as we learn more about the impact of these legislative items.

As always, thank you for completing another semester with characteristic dedication and a heart for our students.

Best regards,  
George

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