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Message from the Provost Upcoming Changes in Academic Affairs

As I near the end of my first 12 months at UWF and know more about the strengths of the University, including the challenges and opportunities we face, I have decided to initiate a few changes in Academic Affairs.

In the office of Research and Academic Engagement, I will be launching a national search for new leadership sometime early in the spring semester, anticipating a new hire starting in the summer of 2024. Dr. Matt Schwartz will be rejoining the faculty in Earth and Environmental Sciences after having led RAE since 2018, both as an interim and more recently as the associate vice president. Dr. Kuiyuan Li, dean of the Graduate School, has agreed to lead RAE this spring while we conduct the search.

Separately, Dr. Dallas Snider, chair of the Department of Information Technology in the Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering, will move into the role of vice provost beginning January 04, 2024. Dr. Michelle Williams will rejoin her colleagues in the Reubin O'D. Askew Department of Government after serving as vice provost and in other critical leadership roles for UWF over the past several years.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Snider and Dr. Li to their new roles, and also in thanking Dr. Williams and Dr. Schwartz for their many contributions, commitment, and passion to make UWF successful.

Sincerely,

Gary Liguori
Provost and Senior Vice President

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