

## UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP

# Provost Position Is Restructured

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ON JUNE 14, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVED a restructuring of the provost's position and two new appointments recommended by President Joel Seligman following Provost Ralph Kunc'l's appointment as president of the University of Redlands (see page 9).

Peter Lennie, currently Robert L. and Mary L. Sproull Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Sciences & Engineering, will become provost and dean of the faculty of AS&E, and Rob Clark, currently dean of the Edmund A. Hajim School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, will become interim senior vice president for research, both appointments effective with Kunc'l's departure, Seligman said.

"This new structure will more effectively address the provost's role in our decentralized university governance model as well as the ongoing expansion of the research side of the Office of the Provost," Seligman said. "It will simplify and clarify responsibility, reduce an administrative level, and achieve some synergies by combining the provost's academic functions and the position of dean of the faculty of Arts, Sciences & Engineering and by creating a senior vice president to oversee the expanding responsibilities for research."

As provost and Robert L. and Mary L. Sproull Dean of the Faculty of AS&E, Lennie will oversee the School of Arts and Sciences, the Hajim School, the College, River Campus Libraries, the Memorial Art Gallery, the Office of University Graduate Studies, and the University of Rochester Press.

He will also have responsibility for reaccreditation, institutional research, University Health Service, the University Intercrossers, the Deans Council, academic and multidisciplinary awards, and the



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**NEW VP:** Rob Clark, dean of the Hajim School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, will become interim senior VP for research.

Deans Committee on Administrative Practices, and he will staff the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees.

"The definition of responsibilities recognizes that the redefined provost position amplifies the position of dean of the faculty of AS&E," Seligman said.

Schools outside of AS&E that currently report to the provost on formal academic issues such as tenure and promotion (including the Eastman School of Music, Simon School of Business, and Warner School of Education) will continue to do so.

The units will continue to report to the president or president, provost, and senior vice president for administration and finance on budget, strategy, and facilities. The Medical Center CEO will continue to report directly to the president.

In this new model, the deans of the School of Arts & Sciences and of the Hajim School will assume responsibility that had rested with the dean of the faculty of AS&E for tenure, promotion, leave, and related faculty issues in their schools as well as for student appeals.

The Office of Faculty Development and Diversity will continue to report to both the president and provost. "This is a University priority and an area where I have a strong personal commitment," Seligman said.

Lennie has been dean of the faculty of AS&E since 2006, when he returned to Rochester after serving for seven years as dean for science and a professor of neuroscience at NYU. He is a professor of brain and cognitive sciences and during his previous time at Rochester served as director of

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the Center for Visual Science, dean of academic resources and planning, and chair of the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences. He received a PhD from the University of Cambridge.

As interim senior vice president for research, Clark will be responsible for the fastest growing segments of the current provost's position, Seligman said.


Those responsibilities include the Laboratory for Laser Energetics, sponsored research, including the Sponsored University Research Group, Office of Research Projects Administration, University Information Technology, Health Science Center for Computational Innovation (HSCCI), Center for Entrepreneurship, Office of Research Alliances, Office of Human Subjects Protection/Research Subjects Review Board, Office of Technology Transfer, online initiatives, and staffing the Research and Innovation Committee of the Board of Trustees.

"Rob Clark's efforts to bridge between University research and the corporate world through cross-school initiatives such as the TEAM program with Simon and the Center for Medical Technology Innovation with the School of Medicine and Dentistry made him a logical choice for the interim senior vice president's role," Seligman said.

"During Rob's period as interim, I will expect him to make decisions as if he were the permanent senior vice president," Seligman said. "We have time-sensitive projects under way that should not be delayed, including selection of a new director of Tech Transfer, our IBM project (HSCCI), and our online initiative."

Clark will continue as dean of the Hajim School while serving as interim senior vice president for research. He has been dean since 2008, when he arrived from Duke University, where he had served as senior associate dean and dean of the Pratt School of Engineering. An expert in the science of acoustics and in bionanomanufacturing, he holds bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Lennie's term will run through June 30, 2016. There will be a national search for the senior vice president for research when the academic year begins, Seligman said.

"I have asked both Peter and Rob to begin the transition to their new positions effective July 1 to ensure an overlap period with Ralph before Ralph departs for California," he said. "I greatly appreciate their willingness to assume these new responsibilities." 



**MR. & MRS. PRESIDENT:** New University of Redlands President Ralph Kuncl and his wife, Nancy, were introduced to the California university during an announcement this spring.

#### ACADEMIC OFFICERS

## From Provost to President

Rochester's chief academic officer Ralph Kuncl is named president of the University of Redlands.

A CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY WILL START THE 2012–13 academic year with a new chief executive who has helped guide Rochester for the past five years. Ralph Kuncl, a neurologist and noted academic leader who has served as Rochester's provost since 2007, was named president of the University of Redlands this spring.


"Ralph has long been ready to assume a significant university presidency," said President Joel Seligman. "The University of Redlands is an exciting university on an upward trajectory, and all of us at Rochester are delighted that Ralph has been selected to lead Redlands at this important time. We wish him every success."

As provost, Kuncl led or directed initiatives in high-performance computing, corporate research collaborations, multidisciplinary initiatives, diversity, and online education. He also was responsible for review of University deans, the University library, faculty promotion and tenure decisions, sustainability, and faculty-driven learning assessment initiatives. And he created and led the annual Celebration of the Book, which brings faculty authors from across the University together to celebrate and build community around their creative

authorship in the arts and sciences.

Kuncl achieved international distinction as a scientist and an administrator during more than 20 years at Johns Hopkins University. While there, he and colleagues in his lab discovered the glutamate transporter defect in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease. The discovery changed the field and helped lead to the first effective treatment for the disease. He was also named the first vice provost for undergraduate education at Hopkins.

In 2002, he left Hopkins to become provost at Bryn Mawr College, where he helped create a variety of new interdisciplinary programs, diversified and hired a third of its faculty, and nearly tripled the institution's federal research grant support.

Kuncl received his undergraduate degree at Occidental College in Los Angeles and his MD and PhD degrees from the University of Chicago. An accomplished musician, Kuncl performed in the Baltimore Choral Arts Society, one of the most respected professional arts groups in the mid-Atlantic region. In Rochester, he has been a member of the Eastman Rochester Chorus. 

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