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Subject Personnel changes in the Graduate School

Colleagues:

I am very pleased to announce a number of personnel changes in the Graduate School for this year. Tony Hurley and Teng-fong Wong both completed their three year terms as Associate Deans this summer and have returned to their faculty responsibilities. I am deeply grateful to both of them for the outstanding contributions they made to the Graduate School and International Programs. As you may know, Provost McGrath has recently asked me to take on additional responsibilities as Associate Provost for Analysis and Planning (as well as continuing as Dean of the Graduate School), which we expect will consume about 40% of my time. In order to maintain the academic activities of the Graduate School I will appoint an Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. As there was not time to search to fill this position I have made a one year appointment on an interim basis and will conduct a search for the position during this academic year.

Bill Arens has agreed to serve as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs on an interim basis from August 27, 2001 until August 26, 2002. Bill came to Stony Brook in 1970 after completing a Ph. D. in Social Anthropology from the University of Virginia with a dissertation based on field research in Tanzania. Since then he has carried out research in the Sudan, Madagascar, Italy, and Sweden with fellowships and grants from the Social Science Research Council, Fulbright and UNESCO. He is the author or editor of numerous books, articles, and essays. While at Stony Brook, he served as the first Director of the Langmuir Residential College from 1986-1989 and chair of the Anthropology Department from 1989-1998. Bill is currently a Professor in the Department of Anthropology. This will be a half time appointment and Bill will also teach two courses a year in the Department of Anthropology. Bill will work closely with me on all academic issues that come through the Graduate School and I am already benefitting from his wisdom and wealth of experience at Stony Brook.

Femi Vaughan has agreed to serve as Associate Dean for Underrepresented Students from January 15, 2002 until June 30, 2005. Femi earned his doctorate from Oxford University in 1989. He held visiting fellowships in several African universities and carried out field research in Botswana, Nigeria, South Africa, and Uganda before coming to Stony Brook in 1990. Femi is an Associate Professor in the Department of Africana Studies and the Department of History. He has taught courses on African politics and history; international studies; and comparative ethnic and racial history and has written extensively on African political and social history since the nineteenth century, and on the comparative politics of postcolonial African states. His recent book is titled Nigerian Chiefs: Traditional Power in Modern Politics, 1890s-1990s. He is on the editorial board of several Africanist publications. This will be a half time appointment and Femi will also teach two courses a year in

the Department of Africana Studies. Femi will chair the Turner Advisory Committee and will work closely with me on the Turner fellowship program, the Alliance for Inclusive Graduate Education and the Professoriate and recruitment. Femi's appointment follows an internal search over the summer by a search committee consisting of Professors Carlos de los Santos, David Ferguson, Peter Gergen, Roy Lacey, Emilio Mendez (Chair), Miriam Rafailovich and Harriet Waters, and student representatives Sobeira Latorre and Callion Lockridge. I want to acknowledge the committee for their hard work and to thank them for coming up with such a terrific individual to take on these important responsibilities.

Stony Brook's activities in International Programs continue to evolve. I have promoted Alfredo Varela who will report directly to me as Director of Study Abroad and Student International Exchange, rather than reporting to an Associate Dean for International Academic Programs.

Elizabeth Barnum has agreed to take on the remainder of Teng-fong's portfolio as Director for International Education effective immediately and for a three year period. Elizabeth earned her doctorate in International Education at Teachers' College, Columbia University and has extensive expertise in this field. She will continue to oversee the expanded International Services Office within the Graduate School and will add responsibilities for strategic planning for our international academic programs, facilitation of international faculty exchange activities, internationalization of the curriculum and planning for an international house or student center. I look forward to working closely with Elizabeth on these, and other, priorities from Stony Brook's 2000-2005 Five Year Plan and to drawing on her professional training and experience in these areas.

I am confident that these new appointments will enable us to continue to improve the service that we provide to the campus in graduate and international education. With all good wishes, LM.

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