

To: All Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

There have been some academic personnel changes in the Office of the Provost. I am very pleased to announce the appointment of W. Brent Lindquist and Olufemi Vaughan as Associate Provosts.

Professor Lindquist holds his Ph.D. in Physics from Cornell University and a B.S. in Physics from Manitoba University. Brent has been with our Department of Applied Math and Statistics for eighteen years where he has a large and active research laboratory with a focus on maximizing the information content in two and three dimensional imaging of data on neural systems, rocks, and two fluid mixtures. His group is also involved in experiments at the NSLS at BNL. Brent has served as University Senate President and holds both the Chancellor's and President's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Professor Olufemi Vaughan holds his Ph.D. in Politics from Oxford University and a M.A. and B.A. in Government from St. John's University. Femi has been at Stony Brook for fifteen years and is a Professor in Africana Studies and in History. He also is an affiliate professor in Political Science and in Comparative Literary and Cultural Studies. He has served as Associate Dean of the Graduate School, as Interim Department Chair in Africana Studies, as well as Faculty Director of International Studies. His research interests are broad. They include modern African political and social history, comparative politics and international relations, and globalization. Femi's awards are numerous and include both the Chancellor's and President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, the Cecil B. Currey Book Prize, and two Ford Foundation Research Awards (2001 and 1997). He is a recipient of the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in 2006.

Professor Joseph Auner who served as Associate Provost for two years has left Stony Brook to become chair of the Department of Music at Tufts University. Joe had numerous accomplishments as Associate Provost, particularly in fostering interdisciplinary activities in Fine Arts, Humanities, and lettered Social Sciences; creating a Wintersession at Stony Brook, growing academic offerings at Stony Brook Manhattan, maintaining a robust Provost's Lecture Series program, and overseeing and improving processes for distinguished faculty nominations and program reviews. I want to thank him for exemplary service and collegiality, and I am sure we all wish him great success and pleasure in his new position.

During the coming academic year, Professor Mark Aronoff will reduce his commitment to academic affairs administration as he moves from Deputy to Associate Provost. As Associate Provost he will continue his efforts in Undergraduate Academic Affairs and the Undergraduate Colleges. Mark has taken on a heavy administrative role in this office for nine years. He oversaw the Middle States re-accreditation effort in 2004, was a prime mover in the creation of the UG Freshman Colleges, oversaw the establishment of the Professional Education Program and its NCATE accreditation, and acted as advisor and facilitator for initiatives such as the

recently approved Journalism major. I wish him the best as he now has more time to spend on Linguistics and his other academic interests.

Sincerely,  
Robert L. McGrath  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs