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Subject Dean of International Academic Programs

Dear colleagues,

Since the resignation of the director of Study Abroad and International Exchange Programs in September 2002, Professor William Arens has been serving de facto as leader of these activities. Study abroad and exchange programs are clearly becoming increasingly important for Stony Brook, as at many other universities, and I believe the area deserves more dedicated academic leadership. Therefore I have decided to reorganize this area.

I have asked Professor Arens to serve as Dean of International Academic Programs for an interim period. In this capacity he will report to the Provost. This is a part time position; the vacant Study Abroad director position will not be re-filled. Bill has been serving as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the Graduate School and he will end that activity.

Professor Arens has risen through the faculty ranks since coming to Stony Brook in 1970 after taking his Ph.D at the University of Virginia. He served as Anthropology chair from 1989-1998. A cultural anthropologist who has authored several books, one of his research foci has been on social structures in Tanzania. He created and has led for many years one of our most successful study abroad programs, An Academic Safari to Northern Tanzania.

Bill is an enthusiast about the value of study abroad and exchange programs in enhancing student experiences. He understands that an important role of a dean for international exchange programs is to work our other deans and chairs of selected departments in developing strong links with selected universities around the globe to enhance our own academic objectives.

I am very pleased that he has agreed to take on this new role and responsibility.

Robert L. McGrath
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for Academic Affairs