

Dr Charles Robbins Appointed as Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education

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To All Faculty and Staff:

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Charles Robbins has accepted the position of Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of the Undergraduate Colleges (VPUE), effective August 2, 2010. Charlie's distinguished history with Stony Brook University began in 1989 when he came here in a dual capacity as a Clinical Associate Professor and the Assistant Dean for Health with the School of Social Welfare and Director of Social Work Services in the University Medical Center. Charlie has successfully served as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Social Welfare since 1994. For the last six years, he has also been the Faculty Director for the Community Service Learning and Leadership Development Living Learning Centers.

As the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Charlie will be responsible for university-wide leadership in all aspects of undergraduate education. Undergraduate services include first-year advising, academic appeals, academic integrity, academic orientation, and Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity (URECA) programs (among others). Undergraduate academic programs comprise extra-departmental academic programs such as the Honors College, the Living Learning Centers (with their associated minors), and the Multidisciplinary Studies major. The VPUE is also responsible for the organization and administration of the Undergraduate Colleges, and convenes the Undergraduate Program Directors on a regular basis. The VPUE is the administrative liaison with SBU governance, SUNY administration, and other SUNY campuses on all matters of undergraduate education (including assessment, curriculum, and the development of new undergraduate programs). Charlie will also supervise the Professional Education Program (PEP) and the Teaching, Learning and Technology (TLT) unit. Academic Advising will also now interact more closely with the VPUE.

Please join me in congratulating Charlie on his new position, and in recognizing the good work of the search committee, chaired by Nancy Tomes with members Dan Davis, Imin Kao, and Jean Peden.

Dr. Mark Aronoff has served with distinction in many roles as a campus leader for undergraduate education, most recently as Vice Provost, and has decided to return to teaching and research full-time. His distinguished service has brought tremendous benefit to our educational mission, and I truly am grateful for his help and wisdom. While he will carry a full teaching load, Mark has agreed to serve on a part-time basis as a Senior Advisor to the Provost. In this new capacity, Mark's responsibilities will include managing our Distinguished Professor nominations, the Provost Lecture Series, and Academic Program Reviews, and he will be the contact for FAHSS programs.

Best,

Eric