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Havidán Rodríguez, President

Dear Colleagues,

I am very pleased to announce that Dr. Edelgard (Elga) Wulfert, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), has agreed to serve as Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, beginning January 1, 2019.

Across her more than thirty years at the University at Albany, Dr. Wulfert has served multiple roles including faculty member, researcher and scholar, department chair, University Senate chair, co-chair of the President's Diversity Council, active participant in countless ad hoc committees and study groups, and, for the past decade, CAS dean.

Given her experience and deep engagement, as exemplified by her designation as a Collins Fellow, Dean Wulfert is exceptionally qualified to serve as our chief academic officer during this interim period. She has agreed to serve in this capacity until a permanent provost is installed, and will not be a candidate for permanent provost. Details regarding transition planning within CAS will be forthcoming.

Provost Stellar and Dr. Wulfert will immediately commence discussions and transitional measures to facilitate a smooth run-up to her January 1, 2019 start date. I very much look forward to working collaboratively with Dr. Wulfert to advance the University's agenda, including the implementation of our Strategic Plan, and progress toward our vision to be the nation's leading diverse public research university.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Wulfert on this appointment, and in offering her your support in this critical role.

Havidán Rodríguez, PhD
President

Sincerely,

Havidán Rodríguez
President