



MEMORANDUM

April 21, 2009

TO: The University Community
FROM: Scott A. Bass, Provost
SUBJECT: Appointment of Dr. William DeLone as Interim Executive Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Professor William DeLone as Interim Executive Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence, effective July 1, 2009.

Recently, I shared the news that after years of service Dr. John Richardson decided to step down as Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) at the end of June. I also reported that I plan to broaden CTE's scope to have a direct role in the whole work of the faculty, from teaching to research to service. CTE's mission will be the holistic development of AU faculty in support of the scholar-teacher model that is at the core of AU's new strategic plan.

I am delighted that Dr. DeLone has agreed to play the key leadership role in the expansion of CTE's support of our most critical resource -- our faculty. His recent role as chair of AU's Strategic Planning Steering Committee demonstrates his ability to work cooperatively across campus and this experience has provided him with unique insight into the pulse of the academic community. I am most appreciative of Bill's willingness and enthusiasm to continue to contribute to the improvement of our collective academic endeavor.

Dr. DeLone has had a distinguished academic and administrative career during his 23 year tenure at AU. A few of his contributions include Acting Dean, Senior Associate Dean and Associate Dean of Graduate Programs at the Kogod School of Business, Chair of the Information Technology Department, member of the University Council and strategic IT advisor to the Provost. He received AU's Faculty Administrator award in 1998. He has received Kogod awards for outstanding research, for teaching, for innovative use of technology and for service. Dr. DeLone's article entitled "Information Systems Success: The Quest for the Dependent Variable" that appeared in *Information Systems Research* was recently determined to be the most cited article appearing in the top three information systems journals in the last 15 years.

I invite you to join me in giving Dr. DeLone your support in this important role.