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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** AU Community  
**FROM:** Scott A. Bass, Provost  
**SUBJECT:** Dr. Rosemary C. Wander, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Research

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Rosemary C. Wander as Vice-Provost for Graduate Studies and Research, effective July 1, 2009.

As Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Research, Dr. Wander will work closely with the academic deans and provost on the oversight of graduate education, standards, and initiatives. She will also be responsible for the operational aspects of the university's research infrastructure, including key responsibilities such as the oversight of the Office of Sponsored Programs and designated campus-wide centers and institutes, development of and compliance with research-related policies, development of research collaborations with external entities, and advancement of the research agenda and culture at AU.

Dr. Wander comes to AU from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG), where she is the Associate Provost for Research and Public/Private Sector Partnerships and is the director of the Institute for Community and Economic Engagement. In addition to serving on the faculty and as chair of the Department of Nutrition at UNCG, Dr. Wander has held faculty appointments at Oregon State University and Mississippi State University and has served as major professor to 21 master's and doctoral students. Her primary research interest addresses the role of dietary fats on cardiovascular health at the cellular and molecular level. She has published 45 peer-reviewed manuscripts, along with other articles and professional presentations. Before receiving her doctorate from the University of Georgia in Foods and Nutrition, Dr. Wander earned an MS in Physical Chemistry from Ohio State University and a BS in Chemistry from Centenary College of Louisiana.

Dr. Wander brings to AU a strong record of obtaining external research support. She has won over three dozen grants to support her own research. Under her leadership, UNCG's research infrastructure expanded, its externally funded research increased by 40%, and the university's Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching classification moved from research-intensive to "Research University with high research activity."

I want to express my appreciation to the members of the search committee for their outstanding work recruiting a highly qualified pool of applicants, bringing the finalists to campus, and providing me with invaluable advice, which enabled us to bring Dr. Wander to AU. They include: William M. LeoGrande (Committee Chair), Lynn Addington (SPA), Deborah Brautigam (SIS), Victoria Connaughton, Biology (CAS), Sonya Grier (KSB), Hadar Harris (WCL), Anthony Riley (CAS), Rodger Streitmatter (SOC), and Teri King (committee staff).

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Dr. Wander and in supporting her as she works with our leadership team to enhance AU's graduate studies and research enterprise.

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