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Academic Affairs  
*Office of the Provost and Vice President*

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Dear Colleagues,

Following a national search that identified several strong candidates, I am pleased to announce that **Seval Yildirim** has been appointed **Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs and Development**. She will begin her new role on August 1.

Professor Yildirim brings significant administrative and leadership experience in higher education to our campus. Most recently, she was a Visiting Professor at UC Berkeley School of Law and a Visiting Researcher at Harvard Law School. Prior to that, she worked for more than a decade at Whittier College School of Law, where she served as Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Professor of Law, and Director of the Center for International and Comparative Law. Professor Yildirim chaired various faculty committees, including the Long Range Planning Committee in charge of implementing the Strategic Plan, Faculty Governance Committee, Faculty Appointments Committee and Faculty Tenure, Retention and Promotion Committee. Additionally, she was a Visiting Associate Professor of Law at Villanova University.

Professor Yildirim earned a J.D. and an LL.M. from New York University School of Law; an M.A. in International Affairs from the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University; and a B.A. in Politics and Women's Studies from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Virginia. Prior to joining the academy, Professor Yildirim was a Visiting Scholar at New York University's Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies.

Thank you to the campus community for your engagement in this search; and to the search committee chair, Deputy Provost Clare Weber, and committee members – Cesar Portillo, Rueyling Chuang, Kerry Cato, Bibiana Diaz, Marc Fudge, Brian Haynes, Sung-Kyoo Huh, Paul Chris Okpala, Sandra Quiet, Karen Robinson, Young Suk Hwang, Tina Valencia and Aj Hernandez – for your hard work throughout this process. I would also like to extend my personal appreciation to **Paul Vicknair**, who has done a remarkable job as **interim associate vice provost for Academic Personnel**.

Please join me in welcoming Professor Yildirim to our campus.

Regards,  
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