

MEMORANDUM

To: University Community

From: Kenneth G. Furton, Provost and Executive Vice President

Date: April 20, 2015

Re: Introducing the Office of Faculty and Global Affairs (OFGA)

In working with Dr. Meredith Newman in her new role as Vice Provost for Faculty and Global Affairs, it is my distinct pleasure to introduce to you the Office of Faculty and Global Affairs (OFGA) and its team members. In full alignment with the university's mission and strategic priorities, this newly established office will provide guidance and resources to sustain and enhance our faculty's success and synergize our international educational, research and engagement activities.

We have assembled a team of proven scholars and professionals who all have served the University community for a number of years and I invite you to click on their respective names below to view their short bios:

The Office of Faculty and Global Affairs team members are:

[Barbara Bader](#), Faculty Ombuds and Director, Educational Leadership Program

[Laura Boudon](#), Director, Office of Study Abroad

[Nancy Hernandez](#), Director, International Student and Scholar Services, BBC

[Birgitta Rausch-Montoto](#), Director, Office of Faculty and Global Affairs

[Patricia Rodriguez](#), Administrative Coordinator, Office of Faculty and Global Affairs

[Ana Sippin](#), Senior Director, International Student and Scholar Services, MMC

[Rebecca Friedman](#), Faculty Fellow in the Office of the Provost for 2015-2017, will closely work with the OFGA team on faculty development and career growth and provide support with faculty-centered initiatives. OFGA will also work with many international education leaders throughout the university, such as [Peng Lu](#), Associate Provost for International Programs; [Hilary Landorf](#), Director, Global Learning Initiatives; and [Mercedes Ponce](#), Director of Assessment and International Agreements, to name a few, whose contributions are vital to our collective faculty and global agendas.

Faculty and staff who work internationally are being invited to participate in the International Working Group (IWG), which is chaired by Vice Provost Newman and

will serve as an open forum for the exchange of ideas and information, as well as the creation of synergies, efficiencies, and strategies. The next meeting of the IWG is scheduled for Thursday, July 9, 9:30-11:30am. For more information on how to participate, please visit the [IWG website](#).

We would also like to invite the university community to a *meet and greet* with us in OFGA's new location in PC 520 on Friday, April 24, between 3:30-5:30pm. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to call us at x8267 or e-mail any of the above team members. The OFGA team is looking forward to working with you and serving you as a resource in meeting your goals.