MEMORANDUM

To: Deans, Faculty, Staff, and Students
From: Elizabeth Garrett, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Date: July 2, 2013
Subject: Appointment of Ainsley Carry as Vice Provost of Student Affairs

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Ainsley Carry as Vice Provost of Student Affairs, effective August 1, 2013.

Ainsley Carry comes to USC from Auburn University, where he was Vice President for Student Affairs, with direct responsibility for 15 units and more than 120 employees. He succeeded in rebuilding a division that had been substantially reorganized in 2004, and he established collaborative initiatives to advance student learning, retention, and leadership development with the Office of the Provost, College of Human Sciences, College of Education, and the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering. His accomplishments at Auburn include the creation of the first university-wide convocation program and the approval of a new $72 million Campus Recreation and Wellness Center.

Prior to joining Auburn University, Dr. Carry served as Associate Vice President and Dean of Students at Temple University in Philadelphia. At Temple, he designed and coordinated the strategic planning process for the Division of Student Affairs, and he instituted a comprehensive program review process for all departments within the division. He also launched the Student Learning Collaborative, an interdisciplinary effort to enhance classroom-based learning through activities held outside of the classroom.

With two decades of experience in student affairs, Dr. Carry brings a broad perspective to higher education leadership, having held positions at a range of public and private institutions, including Southern Methodist University, the University of Arkansas and the University of Florida. He was the first in his family to complete a bachelor’s degree, and his upbringing fostered his advocacy for personal development and student leadership.

In addition to his duties as an administrator, Dr. Carry has served as an Assistant Professor of Higher Education Administration at Auburn, and as an Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership and Policy at Temple University. He has also taught at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; John...
Brown University in Arkansas; and Southern Methodist University. He holds an Ed.D. in Higher Education, an M.S. in Counselor Education and a B.S. in Food and Resource Economics, all from the University of Florida. He also holds an MBA from Auburn University.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Carry to our academic community. I also wish to acknowledge the dedication of the search committee, chaired by Dean Jim Ellis and Vice President Katharine Harrington. The chairs and the members of the committee were instrumental in the success of this search. Numerous faculty, student leaders and staff participated in the on-campus interviews of the finalists and provided insightful feedback. We all look forward to the continued success of the Division of Student Affairs under the leadership of Vice Provost Carry.

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