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The Universi of South Florida has been appointed as the provost and vice president for academic affairs since last July.

S. David Stamps served as interim provost and chief academic officer and second-in-command, serving as acting president in the absence of the president.

"The University of South Florida is a great university, and I'm proud to be a part of its success in any way I can," Stamps said. "I accept the position of provost with high hopes and gratitude for the support of the president, faculty, staff, students and community. We have many opportunities before us, and a commitment to always get better. At USF, we are determined to become one of the nation's premier research universities. I'm pleased that I can continue working with our great president, leadership, faculty, staff and student body toward that goal."

Stamps earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from Tennessee State University and his master's and doctorate from Washington State University. His sociological research has covered such areas as changes in student culture and attitudes; the effects of drugs and alcohol; and issues of diversity - including "A Comparative Study of Blacks, Whites and Hispanics Living in the Tampa Metropolitan Region," a 1990 study by Stamps, Professor Miriam Greenbaum. He earned grants from organizations such as the National Science Foundation and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Last year, he received the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education's Administrative Leadership Award.

Hiring surge underway in St. Pete

USF St. Petersburg is experiencing its largest hiring surge ever, as the campus becomes a four-year university with complete undergraduate and graduate programs.

Some 30 faculty members will be hired as many existing programs grow quickly. In addition, new majors such as environmental science and policy, graphic design and visual communications are being launched.

Previously under-served academic areas in the colleges of Business Administration and Education will offer complete programs at St. Petersburg this fall, along with many complete minors.

The ads for new faculty positions fill up an entire page of The Chronicle for Higher Education, and are attracting scores of excellent candidates.

Associate Dean Winston Bridges stopped keeping track of the number of candidates after his 85th interview. He has met with each of them at least twice.

"You do the math," Bridges said. "It's a very time-consuming process. But there have been very good candidates in many instances. I'd like to hire them all."

Bridges is little more than halfway through the hiring frenzy. He thinks he won't have any problems filling the vacancies. Apparently, USF St. Petersburg has become a hot spot in academia.

"What with positions opening up in virtually all of our programs, quality academicians are flocking here," said Vice President Bill Heller. "Add to that the fact that we're America's most inviting campus, and we're having to turn many (potential) faculty away."

With several other faculty hired last fall, the campus has a fresh feel about it as the new professors bring their diverse backgrounds to campus and blend their specific research interests into the curriculum.

"The new faculty members, plus the new students we expect to enroll, will make the entire campus feel new," Heller said. "It's an exciting time for USF St. Petersburg, as we finally come into our own."

By Deborah Kurelik

Spring Update and Reception scheduled for April 25

President Judy Genshaft invites the USF community to the Spring University Update and Reception for the university's new provost, S. David Stamps, and vice presidents.

The spring update will start at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, in Theatre J, west of the Phyllis P. Marshall Center. Topics include:

- Legislative budget issues;
- The issues surrounding Florida's educational governance reorganization;
- USF's diversity and equal opportunity initiatives;
- An update on searches for various positions;
- What's happening in Health Sciences.

The reception will begin at 4 p.m. on the Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza. If it rains, the event will take place in the Theatre J lobby.

For more information, call President Genshaft's office at ext. 4-2791.
Honors, Awards and Appointments

Bobbie O'Brien, WUSF-FM 89.7, received the 2001 Florida Associated Press Broadcasters' first-place award for investigative reporting on March 31 in Orlando for her piece, "Electronic Tracking Florida Criminals." It is her third consecutive year winning the award. The WUSF newsroom also was recognized with a second-place award for a public service series on hurricane evacuation.

Hans Schweiger, Anesthesiology, received the 2000 Teaching Recognition Award from the International Anesthesia Research Society and was invited to lecture at the society's 75th Congress in March.


Curtis Wienker, Undergraduate Studies, was made an honorary member of the Cuban Society of Biological Anthropology at the opening ceremony of the VIIth Luis Montane Symposium at the University of Havana in February.

Presentations

Roseanne Blass, Education, presented "Children's Books with Curriculum Connections" for the Pinellas County Media Specialists on March 2.


Lorie A. Kittendorf, Student Affairs, presented "Developing International Experiences for Student Affairs Graduate Students and Staff" at the 77th Annual Convention of the American College Personnel Association in March in Boston.

Sophia Manoulian Kugeares, Library, presented "Icon Painters of the Virgin: Artists or Theologians?" during the International Conference on The Mother of God, in Athens, Greece, on Jan. 12-14.

Kathy Lazeau, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, presented "Cultural Competence: Diagnostic and Treatment Issues in a System of Care" at the Challenges and Opportunities of Clinical Interventions within a System of Care conference in Atlanta last fall.

Joel Volinski, Center for Urban Transportation Research, presented "An Introduction to the Transit Cooperative Research Program" and "How to Attract and Retain Employees: Findings from TCRP Synthesis Report No. 33, Practices in Assuring Employee Availability" at the Southwest Transit Association's annual meeting in Oklahoma City in January.

Publications


May 12 golf scramble to benefit scholarships

USF faculty, staff, students and family members are invited to participate in the A&P Council's USF Faculty/Staff Golf Scramble on May 12 at the USF golf course, the Claw.

The golf tournament will begin at 1:15 p.m. with a four-player scramble. Dinner, awards and prize drawings will follow the scramble.

Entries are limited to the first 120 golfers. The deadline is May 4.

Cost for the event is $45, which includes green fees, a golf cart and dinner. All proceeds will go toward USF scholarships.

The Claw is located at 46th Street and Fletcher Avenue in Tampa.

To enter the scramble, send your name, campus phone number and mailing address, e-mail address and 18-hole handicap to Eric Hunter in the Campus Recreation office, REC 111.

Checks should be made payable to USF. For more information, call Hunter at ext. 4-3177 or Gina Lombardi at ext. 4-4202.

Spreading their wings: White pelicans congregate on a sandbar just outside the channel leading past Chokoloskee. Photographer Bill Minarich got this close to them via a kayak. More of Minarich's extraordinary scenes of the Everglades are on display in the lobby of the USF Tampa Library. Minarich, who attended USF in the early 1970s, is a photographer based in Naples. His work will be exhibited in the library through May and appear in the next issue of USF Magazine.

HIV, AIDS awareness training scheduled

Do you know the facts about HIV and AIDS? USF faculty and staff can learn the facts about transmission of HIV, effective methods of prevention, rights and obligations of employees who are infected and the responsibilities and considerations of the supervisors and co-workers of these employees during one of two free seminars on the Tampa campus.

Sessions will take place on:
- Wednesday, May 2, from 8:30 to 11 a.m., in the SVC, Room 2070;
- Wednesday, May 9, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. in the SVC, Room 2070.

To enroll or request information, call Penny Phillips at ext. 4-5703.