

Memo

To: Senior Leadership Forum
From: Airini, Provost and Vice-President Academic
Date: August 23, 2021
Subject: Secondment announcement – Interim Associate Provost, Strategic Priorities

Hello Colleagues. Bonjour. tānsi. hau koda. ɛ́ᑕᑎᑎᑦ'ɛ? hau kola. taanishi. hau kona. anin

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I am delighted to announce the secondment of Dr. Vince Bruni-Bossio as interim associate provost, strategic priorities effective September 1, 2021. This project-specific senior leader role provides leadership, advice and strategic counsel to the provost in relation to the university's strategic priorities project. The purpose of the strategic priorities project is to contribute significantly and measurably to advancing our university's teaching and research priorities and aspirations, within our means. The vision is of opportunity, optimal research and teaching conditions, and exceptional success by those at the university. The strategic priorities project is of vital importance to achieving our sustainable future and our bold ambition to be the university the world needs.

This secondment is made possible by the associate provost position vacated in June 2021, and revenue release actions put in place in the provost's office. As such, this secondment represents no increase in leadership roles in the provost's office. In the penultimate year of the completion of Phase 1 of the strategic priorities project and transition to phase 2, there will be a review of this secondment and other roles in the Provost's office, taking into account our university's academic and financial position, and strategic needs at that time. It is genuinely exciting to have Vince's proven skills and experience now available to provide leadership as we move forward with Phase 1.

Vince has been a respected faculty member and teacher of Management and Marketing in Edwards since 2012. He has held a Grandey Scholar position for 5 years at Edwards and has multiple journal publications, case publications, conference presentations, invited lectures and reviews. His research has focused on the cross section of strategy and governance in non-profits, for-profits, credit unions and Indigenous organizations. Most recently he has focused on how boards address the challenge of accountability in non-profits. As a teacher, Vince has received several awards for teaching excellence including a Master Teaching Award in 2018. Other teaching awards include MBA Professor of the Year (2021 & 2017), the Provost's College Award for Outstanding Teaching (2017), the Provost's Award for Outstanding New Teacher (2016), University of Saskatchewan Student's Union (USSU) Teaching Excellence Award (2015), and the Edwards School of Business Most Effective Professor Award (2012 & 2015). His administrative work includes a current appointment as department head for the Management and Marketing Department at Edwards. He held a previous appointment in the provost office as the strategic project advisor and support to the provost (2019-2020). Vince was also the founding director of the Edwards Experiential Learning Initiative (EELI), which seeks to develop, support, and promote experiential learning for Edwards. Vince has also completed extensive work in governance at our university, which has included chairing the Teaching Learning and Academic Resources Committee (TLARC) for the past three years. He is also currently the vice-chair of the Planning and Priorities Committee. In 2018, and he led two projects to recommend reforms to the USask Board of Governors. The recommendation focused on changes to committee structures, bylaws, information flow and the University Act.

Please join me in welcoming Vince to the interim associate provost, strategic priorities role.

Sincerely,



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