

Announcing Our New Associate Provosts for Undergraduate and Graduate Education

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Dear Saint Louis University community,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Lisa Dorsey, Ph.D., M.B.A., PT, as the new Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, and April Trees, Ph.D., as the new interim Associate Provost for Graduate Education, both effective July 1, 2022.

Dr. Lisa Dorsey

Dr. Dorsey has been a faculty member in the Doisy College of Health Sciences since 2009. She began her tenure at SLU as the Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs in the College, and has held many roles since then, including interim dean of the College in 2012-13. She is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training, where she previously served as interim chair.

Dr. Dorsey also brings previous experience in the Provost's office to her new role. She was the Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Education from 2013-15, and the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education in 2015-16. Her experience in these roles and across a variety of positions in Doisy College will serve her well in this new role.

Dr. Dorsey will also have a unique opportunity to shape a position that has not existed on its own since 2016. This role had been combined with the responsibilities of graduate education since Dr. Rob Wood assumed the role of Associate Provost for Academic Affairs. By splitting the position into two, Dr. Dorsey will be able to focus her efforts on overseeing and coordinating the development and implementation of undergraduate academic programs, policies, and support services.

She will work closely with the colleges and schools that offer undergraduate programs, lead the University-level Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee (UAAC), oversee Academic Advising and a number of other undergraduate-focused programs (Honors, Pre-Law and Pre-Health, INTO-SLU, and academic integrity). She will serve as a liaison for the Provost's office and UAAC to a number of shared governance bodies, including: the University Undergraduate Core Committee (UJCC), the Council of Academic Deans and Directors (CADD), the Student Government Association (SGA), Faculty Senate, and the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Dorsey will also be intimately involved in any recommendations we choose to implement as a University coming out of the Student Success project with Kennedy and Company, since those recommendations will most directly impact undergraduate students. Many of the support areas being reviewed as part of that project fall directly under Dr. Dorsey's purview or work closely with this position. I'm excited to see how we incorporate those outcomes into our work in serving undergraduate students.

Dr. April Trees

Dr. Trees has been a faculty member in the College of Arts and Sciences since 2007. She began her tenure at SLU as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication, and has served in a number of roles, including Graduate Program Coordinator in the Department of Communication and

Department Chair. She is currently the Associate Dean for Graduate Affairs in the College of Arts and Sciences and a Professor in the Department of Communication. Dr. Trees has served as either a voting faculty member or the Associate Dean representative on the University-level Graduate Academic Affairs Committee (GAAC) since Fall 2016.

Dr. Trees will also have a similar opportunity to shape this new position, and will focus her efforts on overseeing and coordinating the development and implementation of graduate academic programs, policies, and support services. She will work closely with the colleges and schools that offer graduate programs, lead the University-level Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, and oversee the staff, operations and budget of the Office of Graduate Education. She will also collaborate with other units in the Provost's office and across campus on initiatives related to equity and inclusion and graduate student well-being. She will serve as a liaison for the Provost's office and GAAC to a number of shared governance bodies, including: the Council of Academic Deans and Directors, the Graduate Student Association (GSA), Faculty Senate, and the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Trees will also work closely with Dr. Eric Armbricht in his role as Associate Provost for Graduate Enrollment. Over the past 2 years, we have renewed our focus on growing graduate enrollment. Having these two positions work closely together, we can continue our upward momentum on growing the number of graduate students at SLU.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Dorsey and Dr. Trees in their new positions.

Sincerely,

Mike Lewis, Ph.D.
Provost