

Greetings Mercy College Family,

We live out our daily mission by being "One Team with One Goal, Devotion to Student Success." Our priorities are providing our students with our Values, Opportunities, Time, and Attention (VOTA). To that end, I am writing to share exciting news that Dr. Timothy G. Laurent has accepted the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs/Provost starting May 1, 2023. Dr. Laurent will serve on the President's Cabinet and report to me.

Dr. Laurent has over 22 years of administrative experience in higher education and joins the Mercy College family at a time to guide the College toward being a locally and regionally recognized leader, transforming students into healthcare professionals who live out and extend our ministry of healing. Primary responsibilities for this position include stewarding and expanding our existing programs, collaborating with deans/program chairs to deliver high quality academic offerings, ensuring that students have a high passage rate on their licensure exams, and helping to meet Iowa's healthcare workforce needs by prioritizing student retention and completion.

Since 2018, Dr. Laurent has been an academic leader at Mount Mercy University, where he has spent time as both Provost and Interim President. Prior to his appointment at Mount Mercy, Dr. Laurent served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs for six years at the University of Providence in Great Falls, Montana. At both Mount Mercy and the University of Providence, Dr. Laurent gained a reputation as an innovative and dedicated leader on those campuses. He holds a doctorate in Education Administration from Ball State University and earned his MS in Athletic Training from the University of Arizona in 1989.

During the interview process, the Search Committee was particularly struck by Dr. Laurent's ability to articulate our mission and values as a Catholic College rooted in the history and legacy of the Sisters of Mercy. Dr. Laurent's extensive experience at nonprofit, private colleges makes him ideally suited to serve as an academic leader here at Mercy College of Health Sciences.

I am confident that Dr. Laurent will make an excellent addition to the Mercy College team. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Tim Laurent and thank you for your continued support of each other, our students, and the community we serve.

Best,



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