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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce Brent White has been named Vice Provost of UA Global.

As many of you know, we engaged in a rigorous search to name this important role, which included four finalists out of 99 applicants. The finalists participated in a two-day visit to campus during which they each gave presentations and met with several key stakeholders.

Global engagement is one of five pillars of the strategic plan for the University of Arizona, and Brent is the ideal person to lead the UA’s global effort. Our engagement worldwide drives opportunities to partner with international universities, collaborate across borders to solve global problems and expand student access to transnational experiences and education. Brent's expertise in these areas will be invaluable to the success of UA Global.

Brent will coordinate ongoing efforts to implement the UA’s strategic vision for global, including making the UA a top 20 destination for international students, a top 10 national university for a number of students who study abroad, and a world-leader in confronting global challenges. He will also lead the creation of a UA Global Center, which will serve as one-stop shop for services for international students, faculty and scholars, and will be the hub for international activities on campus.

Brent led the team that developed the first UA micro-campus at Ocean University of China in Qingdao, which has become the model for the larger UA initiative to create a network of UA micro-campuses around the globe. He will continue to lead this initiative as Dean of Global Campuses and International Education.

In July, I named Brent as the Interim Vice Provost of UA Global, combining the Offices of International Education and Global Initiatives into one unit. The units were united following a recommendation from the UA Global/Internationalization Review Steering Committee. At that time, I also named Brent as Dean of Global Campuses, as a continuation of his role as Vice Provost for International Education.
Brent is a scholar in the area of property as well as law and development, with a focus on Asia. He is a tenured professor of law and an affiliated professor of East Asian Studies. His work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *NPR* and *60 Minutes*. Prior to academia, he was the legal director of the ACLU of Hawaii, an international litigation associate at Crowell & Moring in Washington, D.C., and a public defender in Nashville, Tennessee. Brent has studied or worked for extended periods in six countries, including Japan, China, Mongolia, Thailand, Cambodia and Indonesia.

Please join me in congratulating Brent.

Sincerely,

*Jeff Goldberg*

*Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*