Academic leadership team named for Klingler College of Arts and Sciences

Provost John Pauly today announced the interim dean and two new associate deans for the Helen Way Klingler College of Arts and Sciences. Rev. Philip J. Rossi, S.J., professor of theology, will become interim dean, effective July 1. Dr. Belén Castañeda, associate professor of Spanish, and Dr. William Donaldson, professor of chemistry, were named associate deans, effective Aug. 1.

Pauly said Rev. Joseph Mueller, S.J., will serve in his current role as associate dean for academic affairs in the college through his planned departure date of Dec. 31, ensuring continuity within the college. He said Dr. Jeanne Hossenlopp, who has served as interim dean of the college the past two years, had recommended the addition of a second associate dean for academic affairs, given the size and breadth of the college. Earlier this year Pauly appointed Hossenlopp vice provost for research and dean of the Graduate School, effective Aug. 15.

Pauly said the appointees were nominated by college faculty and screened by an advisory committee that consisted of several departmental chairs, faculty representatives, Hossenlopp and Dr. Lori Bergen, dean of the Diederich College of Communication. He and Marquette President Robert A. Wild, S.J., then selected the interim dean.

Hossenlopp called Father Rossi “a highly respected scholar” with administrative experience in the college, having served as associate dean for graduate affairs from 2005 to 2008 and as chair of the Department of Theology several times in his 35-year tenure. A graduate of Fordham University with a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin, Father Rossi is a member of the board of trustees at Creighton University and the author or editor of five books and dozens of articles.

Castañeda served as chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature from 2000 to 2009. She was resident director of Marquette’s Study Center in Madrid from 1989 to 1991 and served as administrative director for the center from 1992 through 1996. A graduate of Colorado State University, she earned her master’s degree and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has published numerous articles, book chapters and book reviews.

Donaldson, a graduate of Wesleyan University in Connecticut with a Ph.D. from Dartmouth College, has been a member of the chemistry faculty since 1983. He was a recipient of the Rev. John P. Raynor, S.J., Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence in 1995 and the Edward D. Simmons Award for Junior Faculty Excellence in 1988. He has received nearly $2 million in grants from the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health and published nearly 100 articles.

“These individuals bring a strong record of academic leadership and experience to the college,” Pauly said. “I am confident that they will continue the excellent work of Dr. Hossenlopp and work closely with her in her new role. I am grateful to the department chairs and other members of the A&S faculty who devoted their time in the last month to helping us identify and recruit excellent candidates, and I look forward to working with Father Rossi and Drs. Castañeda and Donaldson.”