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ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT AND DEAN OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES- DR. MICHELLE HAWLEY

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Dear Campus Community:

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Dr. Michelle Hawley will be appointed Associate Vice President and Dean of Undergraduate Studies effective June 1. A member of the Cal State LA faculty since 1999, she brings a wealth of administrative experience and proven success to the position. Dean Hawley has served as interim dean since 2015. Under her leadership, Undergraduate Studies has been responsible for several initiatives focused on improving student success. She has helped lead efforts to strengthen and coordinate university-wide advising initiatives, including the implementation of Educational Advisory Board's *Student Success Collaborative*.

Dr. Hawley is a champion of both freshman and transfer student success. In 2016 Undergraduate Studies established Smart Start, an office dedicated to helping freshmen enrolled in developmental coursework complete their first year successfully. In collaboration with Enrollment Services and Student Life, Undergraduates Studies recently launched an initiative to ensure that new transfer students get off to a good start with accurate and timely transfer credit evaluations and mandatory orientation.

Dr. Hawley served as Founding Director for the Honors College. She led strategic planning for this new college, designed to help diverse and outstanding students reach their full potential and become leaders in their fields. She integrated the Early Entrance Program and the President's Scholars into a robust four-year College that emphasizes civic engagement, knowledge creation, and leadership. She worked with faculty to develop an innovative signature curriculum that begins with a first-year experience focused on Los Angeles and culminates in a senior thesis or project. Dr. Hawley has successfully collaborated with other divisions to implement key components of the College and developed avenues for the Honors College to serve students at Cal State L.A. more broadly, including the National and International Scholarships and Fellowships Program, which works with any student interested in applying for hundreds of competitive scholarships, including the Goldwater, Rhodes, Marshall, and Gates.

Dr. Hawley is a Professor of English. She earned a B.A. in English from Pomona College and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Chicago. She has also served as faculty director of service learning and has published and presented research in Victorian literature and culture and children's literature.

I would also like to take a moment to thank the search committee for their work on this important search which coincided with a very busy time in the semester: Greg Andranovich, Tom Enders, Emily Moss, Victor Viesca, and Angela Young. Special thanks to Fred Uy for chairing the committee.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Hawley on her new appointment.

Best wishes,

Lynn Mahoney, Ph.D.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs