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Dear Vice Presidents, Academic Deans, Faculty and Staff:

Student Affairs

Michael L. Jackson
Vice President

I am very pleased to announce that after a national search I have appointed Dr. Denzil Suite as Associate Vice President for Student Affairs. Dr. Suite is succeeding Dr. Lori White who has departed USC to become the Vice President for Student Affairs at Southern Methodist University.

Dr. Suite will have oversight responsibility for a wide range of offices directly involved in student life and will lead the Division as a whole on those occasions when the Vice President is away from the university.

Dr. Suite has most recently served as Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, and Executive Director for Residential Education and for Fraternity and Sorority Leadership Development. In his capacity as Assistant Vice President, he has also overseen the activities of Student Judicial Affairs and Community Standards, Parent Programs, and Student Affairs Information Technology.

In addition to his responsibilities in Student Affairs, Dr. Suite holds an appointment as Associate Professor of Clinical Education in the Rossier School of Education, where he teaches history of higher education and also intervention strategies in student development.

Dr. Suite is an active scholar in the arena of student affairs and has made numerous national and local presentations on a wide variety of topics related to college student development. Most recently, he has been conducting seminars on the effects of online communities on college student culture. He has been invited to speak to diverse audiences on this issue, including mental health professionals, at the Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center, and on local campuses.

Dr. Suite has been honored by both the California Association of College and University Housing Officers and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators for his commitment to access and diversity.

Dr. Suite earned his Ph.D. from the Rossier School of Education in Policy and Organization. His research for his doctorate centered on factors affecting student success in college. He is especially interested in how students from differing backgrounds are affected by the college environment. He chose this

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topic because of his long-standing commitment to college students and their success. Prior to earning his doctorate, he earned a master's degree in education from the University of Vermont, and a bachelor's degree in Psychology from the Ohio State University.

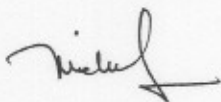
Dr. Suite rejoined USC in 2003 after a highly successful service at the University of California at Santa Cruz, where he was the Chief Administrative Officer for two of the Residential Colleges, overseeing all student affairs and administrative functions. In addition, Dr. Suite held a faculty appointment at UCSC as Lecturer in the Humanities Division where he taught a course examining historical and contemporary aspects of culture in the United States.

Before going to UC Santa Cruz, Dr. Suite was here at USC as Assistant Dean and Director of the Office for Student Conduct (now the Office for Student Judicial Affairs and Community Standards).

Prior to his work experience and studies at USC, he served as the Director, Residence Life and Housing Services at California State University at Los Angeles. Dr. Suite has also held positions of significant responsibility at UC Berkeley and the University of Vermont in residential life and orientation. Dr. Suite brings a wealth of experience across a variety of institutions and a wide range of student affairs.

I am delighted that Denzil will be applying his talents and experience for the benefit of a much wider array of programs relating to the out-of-classroom curriculum and the life of students here at USC. Dr. Suite has taken up his new duties effective June 1, 2007. I hope you will join in congratulating him at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Jackson
Vice President for Student Affairs

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