




MEMORANDUM

To: Academic Deans  
From: Lloyd Armstrong, Jr.   
Date: October 22, 2004  
Subject: Vice Provost for Institutional Diversity

Office of the Provost  
Lloyd Armstrong, Jr.  
Provost

I am most pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Roberta Diaz Brinton as Vice Provost for Institutional Diversity effective November 1, 2004. Dr. Brinton is a Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the USC School of Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Sciences Center with a joint appointment in the Department of BioMedical Engineering and is a founding member of the USC Neuroscience Program. She is also Co-Director of the Science and Engineering Education Outreach for the USC NSF Biomimetic Microelectronic Systems Engineering Research Center and Director of the USC Science Technology And Research (STAR) Program which provides junior and senior high school students in East and South Central Los Angeles the opportunity to learn science by joining a USC basic science research team for one or more years as part of their high school science curriculum. She serves on the scientific advisory boards for the Institute for the Study of Aging and for the Diabetes Insipidus Foundation.

Dr. Brinton received her Ph.D. in Psychobiology and Neuropharmacology from the University of Arizona in 1984 as a NIH Predoctoral Fellow. She continued her postdoctoral training in Neuroendocrinology at Rockefeller University as a NIH Postdoctoral Fellow and joined USC in 1988. She has numerous scientific publications, received the USC Remarkable Woman Award in 2003 and was selected as one of the 10 Best Minds for 2004 by US News & World Report.

As Vice Provost for Institutional Diversity, Dr. Brinton will be working with me to assist the academic community in incorporating diverse perspectives in curricula, research and campus life.

Please join me in welcoming Robbie to her new position. I hope you will offer her your full support as she works towards achieving our aspirations for true pluralism at USC.

- cc: Steven B. Sample  
Dennis F. Dougherty  
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