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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce two important administrative appointments for the next academic year.

**International Studies**

Joseph Buttigieg, William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of English and Director of the Ph.D. in Literature Program, will be the interim Assistant Provost for International Studies beginning July 1, 2009. A world-renown scholar of James Joyce and Antonio Gramsci, Professor Buttigieg is an enthusiastic advocate of our University’s commitment to internationalization. As interim Assistant Provost for International Studies, Joe will oversee the Office of International Studies and work collaboratively with colleges, departments, and the faculty on Notre Dame’s international programs.

Joe succeeds Julia Douthwaite, Professor of French, who has served commendably as Assistant Provost since July 2003 and as an academic administrator for a total of ten years. Julia is looking forward to returning full-time to teaching and her scholarly pursuits in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures. Among Julia’s many accomplishments as Assistant Provost are the establishment of study abroad programs in Uganda, Cambridge, Hong Kong, Leuven, and Bologna; ND faculty-led summer seminars abroad; the introduction of International Education Week on campus; and the expansion of research and internship opportunities abroad.

Over the past year, Julia has engaged in extensive conversations with faculty across campus about strategic opportunities for the University in the area of globalism and internationalization. As a result of these conversations, Julia has proposed a strategic plan for internationalization, which includes ideas for both enhancing the University’s engagement internationally and elevating the dialogue about and involvement with global issues on campus. The plan also suggests expanding the role of Assistant Provost for International Studies to coordinate and oversee this increased activity. I think the suggestion is a good one and, therefore, have decided to elevate the position to Associate Provost for Globalism. The increased responsibilities for this position will include continuing the development and
implementation of the strategic plan for internationalization, promoting international research, establishing and maintaining a greater number of institutional partnerships worldwide, and supporting the recruitment of international students. The Provost’s Office will commence a national search in Fall 2009 to identify and recruit the inaugural Associate Provost for Globalism.

**Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning**

Kevin Barry, Associate Director of the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, will be elevated to interim Director of the Kaneb Center beginning July 1, 2009. Kevin has been an invaluable member of the Kaneb Center staff since 2000. His contributions include developing and running the Center’s two-day teaching workshop for new faculty, aiding faculty in selecting appropriate pedagogical approaches to support their course design, assisting faculty with the production of presentations and interactive multimedia instructional materials, as well as identifying and investigating emerging technologies that can add value in the teaching and learning process.

Alex Hahn has served admirably as Director of the Kaneb Center for the past six years. During Alex’s tenure, the Kaneb Center developed a variety of programs aimed at new faculty, created the learning technology lab for assisting faculty members in designing digital content for their courses, expanded its offerings to graduate students who serve as teaching assistants or aspire to be future faculty, and facilitated Notre Dame’s joining the OpenCourseWare consortium – a website where dozens of Notre Dame courses are prominently featured. Upon completing his term as Director of the Kaneb Center, Alex looks forward to spending more time co-Directing the Glynn Family Honors Program, teaching Mathematics, and working on two different book projects.

The Provost’s Office will conduct a national search for the next Director of the Kaneb Center in Fall 2009. Identifying an accomplished educator, who will help advance the evolving mission of the Kaneb Center and work to support teaching and learning at the highest levels, is an important priority for the University.

Please join me in welcoming Joe Buttigieg and Kevin Barry to their new roles, and in thanking Julia Douthwaite and Alex Hahn for their extraordinary service.

Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable summer.

Yours truly,

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Provost

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