



July 20, 2021

Dear colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Deni Elliott, the Eleanor Poynter Jamison Chair in Media Ethics and a 17-year veteran of our university, has been named Interim Regional Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Vice-Provost (RVCAA-VP) for USF's St. Petersburg campus. Deni is stepping in to fill the vacancy left by Cathi Cardwell, who accepted a position as Dean of Libraries at University of Nevada-Reno. Deni will serve a one-year appointment, effective Aug. 9. The appointment follows consultation with members of the USF Academic and Student Success Leadership Team, the college deans, and the USF St. Petersburg campus Faculty Council.

The RVCAA-VP is the chief academic officer on USF's St. Petersburg campus and serves as the chief administrative officer in the regional chancellor's office. In her new role, Deni will provide leadership and vision for the development and implementation of the academic future of the campus. She will also oversee academic units and centers; evaluate faculty and staff; participate in the budget process; serve on the regional chancellor's cabinet; promote faculty success and student success; and engage in community outreach.

Deni brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position. In addition to her duties as the Eleanor Poynter Jamison Chair of Media Ethics and Press Policy and professor in the Department of Journalism and Digital Communications, she also serves as the Chief Project Officer for the National Ethics Project. She is the author of more than 200 articles and book chapters for scholarly, trade and lay press, and has authored or edited nine books. Deni served as Departmental Chair from 2012 through 2018. Deni has received many awards, grants and fellowships, including a 2014 appointment to the Fulbright Specialist Roster for her expertise in digital communications ethics.

Deni earned her undergraduate degree in Mass Communication and Journalism from the University of Maryland; her master's in Philosophy from Wayne State University and her Ed.D. in Philosophy in Education from Harvard University. She has been a friend and mentor to many of us on USF's St. Petersburg campus over the years, and her calm and steady demeanor will be a stabilizing force for all. We look forward to the insight she will bring to this important position. Please join us in welcoming Deni to her new role.

Regards,

Martin Tadlock

USF St. Petersburg campus Regional Chancellor

Ralph C. Wilcox

Provost & Executive Vice President

University of South Florida

