New Leadership for Undergrad Education

Historian Maney takes the reins as College of Arts and Sciences dean

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Boston College has named Patrick J. Maney, professor and chair of the history department at the University of South Carolina, to be the next dean of its College of Arts and Sciences, the oldest and largest undergraduate school within the University.

Maney formally assumed the post on July 15, succeeding Joseph Quinn, who returns to the faculty after serving as A&S dean since 1999.

Discussing Maney’s qualities, University administrators said that he had cultivated an impressive reputation while department chair at South Carolina, nurturing young faculty, recruiting and retaining top scholars, and strengthening the department’s reputation in Southern and African-American history.

“I am pleased that Dr. Patrick Maney will be the next dean of the College of Arts and Sciences,” said University President William P. Leahy, SJ. “He is an accomplished teacher, scholar and administrator, knows liberal arts education, and is committed to fostering the Jesuit, Catholic dimensions of Boston College.”

Added Provost and Dean of Faculties Cutberto Garza. “I look forward to working with Dean Maney. His record of achievement in building a nationally recognized department of history, attracting the best in the field to his department, and proven commitment to diversity and undergraduate education, no doubt will serve the College of Arts and Sciences very well.

“His enthusiasm for our Jesuit heritage is another strength he brings to us,” Garza added. “I have no doubt that our faculty

Hafner appointed as first vice provost for undergraduate affairs

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Prof. Donald Hafner (Political Science), who has played a key role in building Boston College’s successful fellowships program, has been appointed as the University’s inaugural vice provost for undergraduate academic affairs. He assumed his new position on July 1.

Announcing the appointment, Provost and Dean of Faculties Cutberto Garza praised Hafner’s academic and administrative talents, notably his tenure as director of the Fellowships Committee — a period that has seen BC mark the awarding of its first two Rhodes Scholars and numerous prestigious fellowships, including a record 21 Fulbrights this year.

“Don has been instrumental in preparing many talented BC students for national and international competitive trials that have led to our students winning stellar undergraduate fellowships,”

Donald Hafner said Garza.

Hafner is also an associate director of the Center for Human Rights and International Justice, Garza noted, and a highly respected scholar in international politics, American foreign policy, national security and arms control policy, who served with the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency during the Carter Administration, where he was an adviser with the US delegations negotiating with the Soviet Union on strategic nuclear weapons and weapons in outer space.

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will share the search committee's enthusiasm for him.

Vice President and Special Assistant to the President William B. Noran, Jr., who led the national search for the position, noted the breadth of Maney's tenure in higher education. "Patrick Maney brings to the important position of dean of A&S years of academic experience — first as a professor at Tulane University and more recently as a successful academic leader at the University of South Carolina."

"I'm honored, and humbled, by my appointment as dean," said Maney. "Boston College ranks among the top national universities in America and is committed to an educational experience that seeks to integrate classroom learning, service activities and spiritual moral growth.

"Higher education is in a state of profound change today, rethinking how best to educate students for the 21st century," Maney added. "For me a big allure about coming here is the leadership role BC will surely play in this process. I'm looking forward to that challenge."

A Wisconsin native, Maney earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland in 1976. During the late 1970s, he worked in the Wisconsin State Senate as a minority leader. He joined the history department at Tulane University in 1980 as an assistant professor, rising to the rank of full professor and chair. In 1998, he was named professor and chair of the history department at the University of South Carolina.

Maney has served as a commentator on historical subjects for National Public Radio and Wisconsin Public Television, and is the author of numerous publications, including the books "Young Abe" La Follette: A Biography of Robert M. La Follette, Jr. 1855-1931, and The Roosevelt Presence: The Life and Legacy of FDR, which historian Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. described as a "model compact biography." He also has written a number of articles and book chapters and is currently researching a book on the Clinton presidency.

He has received a number of awards for his teaching and leadership, among them the Affirmative Action Administrative Award presented by the Black Faculty and Staff Association at the University of South Carolina, and Tulane's top award for undergraduate instruction, the Sheldon Hackney Prize.

"Under the leadership of Pat Maney, the University of South Carolina became one of the preeminent centers for the study of southern history and culture. Considering the competing institutions, that is an extraordinary achievement," said Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Leon Litwack, the Alexander F. & May T. Morrison Professor of American History at the University of California, Berkeley.

"Aside from being a bold and innovative administrator, Pat Maney has left his own mark in his scholarly work and in the classroom," he added.

Noted historian John Hope Franklin, professor emeritus of history at Duke University, author of From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African-Americans and past president of the American Historical Association concurred, calling Maney an "extraordinarily successful historian and scholar."

Hamilton College President Joan Hinde Stewart, who previously had served as dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of South Carolina, said, "Patrick Maney is a man of integrity, energy and vision, with the insight and ability not only to envision a shining future but to work with all constituencies to formulate and bring to fruition plans that are at once ambitious and realizable."

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"I expect that these professional experiences will serve Boston College exceedingly well as we navigate the many trans-departmental and college policy, programs, etc., that define our undergraduate programs and otherwise influence the lives of our undergraduates," said Garza.

Hafner said, "It's a little daunting, but I am looking forward to the job. There are a number of fine ambitious BC has set out for itself in the forthcoming strategic plan, and I hope to contribute when and wherever possible in this new role."

As vice provost, Hafner will serve as a liaison of the Office of the Provost to — and help provide support for — undergraduate academics and student life at BC.

"Obviously, the focus for me will be more on the academic side of things, since our very capable Student Affairs division is well equipped to fulfill BC's student life and student formation mission," he said.

"But since academics, student life and formation are of paramount concern to all of us at BC, I will certainly be taking part in the conversation."}

Hafner said he expects to continue his involvement with the Fellowships Committee. "I am devoted to helping students pursue those valuable opportunities, and very much want to ensure BC continues its forward progress. In fact, I hope that this new position as vice provost will provide me with a perspective that could enhance the committee's work."