

MEMORANDUM

TO: UAH Faculty, Staff and Students

FROM: Robert A. Altenkirch, President

DATE: January 21, 2014

SUBJECT: Appointment of Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Christine Curtis as Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at The University of Alabama in Huntsville effective February 24, 2014. Christine currently serves as Senior Vice Provost and Director of Strategic Planning at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina in which her responsibilities include leading strategic planning for the University of South Carolina System as well as leading special Presidential initiatives. Prior to her current position Christine held the positions at USC of Senior Vice Provost responsible for academic finances and space planning and Vice Provost for Faculty Development. Christine holds an academic appointment at USC of Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering.

Prior to her appointments at USC, Christine served in a number of roles at Auburn University including Special Assistant to the President, Associate Provost and Head, Facilities Division, Associate Provost, Coordinator of the Quarter to Semester Transition, Associate Vice President for Research, and Research Associate and Director of the Coal Laboratories for the Auburn Coal Research Laboratory. At Auburn, Christine held the academic position of Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering and was Alumni Professor for a five-year term.

Christine earned a BS in Chemistry from Mercer University, and MS and PhD degrees in Analytical Chemistry from The Florida State University. Her areas of research encompass coal liquefaction, coal and petroleum co-processing, and asphalt chemistry. She has taught a variety of courses in the thermal sciences in chemical engineering.

Christine Curtis brings a wealth of experience in higher education leadership and administration, research, scholarship, and teaching. Please join me in welcoming Christine and her husband Larry to UAH.

Administrative appointments are subject to approval by the Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama.

Thanks,

Bob