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LHU president announces new leadership appointments

LOCK HAVEN, PA: Lock Haven University President Michael Fiorentino, Jr. has announced the appointment of Dr. David L. White as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dr. Zakir Hossain as Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences. President Fiorentino made the announcements in a campus email on Wednesday afternoon, July 27. The appointments are effective immediately.

Dr. White has been Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Lock Haven University since 2007. He previously served as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of West Georgia and as a dean at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island. He has over 20 years of experience as a professor of history and service as a department chair. He earned his B.A. from Bucknell University and his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia.

Dr. Hossain has been at Lock Haven University for 20 years as Professor of Sociology. His services to the university include chair of the Anthropology, Social Work, Sociology, and Geography department, a number of terms on various university-wide committees as well as on APSCUF Executive Council, one term as an APSCUF President, and one year as LHU Interim Provost from 2004-2005. He received his B.A. and M.A. in Sociology from the Dhaka University, Bangladesh, his M.A. in Anthropology from the University of the Philippines, and his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Southern Illinois, where he also earned his ABD in Anthropology.

In his message to the campus, President Fiorentino stated, "Lock Haven University is fortunate to have two such outstanding and competent professionals who bring faculty and administrative experience to these important administrative positions and I look forward to working closely with them." He added, "On behalf of the entire Lock Haven University community I want to thank David and Zak for their willingness to assist us at this time."

A national search for the Provost will begin in early September and Drs. White and Hossain will serve in their interim positions until the search is completed. More details regarding the Provost search will be announced in the month of August.

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