

July 7, 2004

To: All Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Joseph Auner as Associate Provost.

Professor Auner holds his Ph.D. in History and Theory of Music from the University of Chicago and has been a member of Stony Brook's Music Department since 1989. His special research interests include the Second Viennese School, music in the Weimar Republic, Primitivism and Exoticism, cross-cultural music, and music and technology. Joe is currently editing A Schoenberg Reader for Yale University Press, and his articles and reviews have appeared in the Journal of the American Musicological Society (JAMS), Music Theory Spectrum and other journals. Joe is a member of the editorial board of JAMS and is also serving as General Editor for Studies in Contemporary Music and Culture for Garland. During 1998-2000 he was chair of the Greater New York Chapter of the American Musicological Society. He is the recipient of fellowships from the Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and J. Paul Getty Center.

Here at our university he has served as Director of Undergraduate Studies in Music, as Acting Director and member of the Internal Advisory Board of the Humanities Institute, and as a member of the Academy of Teacher-Scholars. He has also served on several committees across the university including the Provost's Strategic Plan Advisory and Coordinating Committee, the Provost's Task Force on Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity, and the Honor's College Advisory Board. I look forward to the perspective and creativity Joe will bring to this office and am delighted that he has agreed to take on this new role and responsibility.

Joe is replacing in this office Professor David Hicks from the Department of Anthropology. David has accomplished a number of things of strong benefit to the university in the three years he has been Associate Provost. Especially important have been the creation of a robust Provost's Lecture Series program, course development for Stony Brook Manhattan, and oversight of distinguished faculty nominations and program reviews. This fall he is taking a Fulbright Fellowship to return to East Timor where he will continue his field work and research and also advise in developing higher education. I want to offer David thanks for exemplary service and collegiality, and best wishes for a successful sabbatical.

Sincerely,

Robert L. McGrath
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs