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**Subject:** Associate Provost for Academic Research

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure to announce that Dr. Timothy Akers has accepted the appointment to serve as associate provost for Academic Research, effective July 15, 2024. He will report to me and hold an academic appointment as a tenured full professor in the Department of Health Science and Human Ecology.

Dr. Akers brings a diverse portfolio of research experiences, professionally working with the federal government, academia, the private sector and serving in the U.S. Air Force. He comes to us from Morgan State University in Baltimore, where he served as the first assistant vice president for Research Innovation and Advocacy in the Division of Research and Economic Development, as well as several other related leadership positions. He is also the founder and CEO of the National Quantum Literacy Network, a nonprofit organization established in 2021 to focus on DEI for research and workforce development

In 2020, Dr. Akers was selected by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the U.S. Department of Energy to serve as a member of the first cohort to the National Quantum Initiative Advisory Committee for the U.S. Before his work in academics, he held positions at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the Office of Minority Health, where he managed the CDC's largest academic cooperative agreement for the nation's eight leading minority health professional schools in the areas of public health, nursing, medicine, veterinary medicine, pharmacy and dentistry.

His expansive research efforts focus on health, criminal justice, and quantum literacy. As previously shared in his resume, Dr. Akers has received numerous grant awards, authored two seminal books, written more than 15 book chapters, published more than 60 peer-reviewed articles, presented at dozens of conferences and holds two public health patents.

He received a joint doctorate in environmental studies (resource development) and urban studies as well as a joint master's degree in criminal justice and urban studies from Michigan State University, and a joint bachelor's degree in criminal justice and criminology from Metropolitan State University in Denver.

Thank you to the campus community for your engagement in this important search and to the search committee chaired by Cynthia Crawford. I would also like to extend my heartfelt

appreciation to Dr. Crawford for her outstanding leadership and work as interim associate provost for Academic Research.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Akers on his new appointment and welcoming him to our campus community.

Sincerely,  
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