


Memorandum

To: Department of Physics Faculty, Staff and Students
From: Pierre V. Sokolsky, Dean 
Date: August 29, 2007
Subject: New Department Chair of Physics

Based upon my recent Chair Review of the Department of Physics, and subject to approval by President Michael K. Young and the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to inform you that Professor David B. Kieda has agreed to serve as the next Chair of the Department of Physics, effective September 1, 2007.

As you know, Professor Kieda is a nationally and internationally recognized, cosmic ray experimentalist. I know you will give him your full support as he undertakes this important task. I am confident that Professor Kieda will provide the strong leadership in the department that it needs to maintain and enhance its excellence, and I for one look forward to having him as my new department chair.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Associate Professor Brian Saam for serving as Interim Chair of the Department of Physics these past few months while I was transitioned from serving as Chair to the Dean of the College of Science. Also, it was my distinct pleasure to have worked with Brian in his capacity as Associate Chair. He has done an excellent job in both capacities and I am sure you will join me in commending him for his service.

The Department of Physics is fortunate to have several outstanding faculty members who are ready to assume the mantle of Chair, and the time is right for Professor Dave Kieda.

cc: David W. Pershing, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
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