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#### Introduction of New Leadership – Vice President for Student Life

For information only.

In January of 2013, President Michael K. Young and Provost and Executive Vice President Ana Mari Cauce called together a search committee with the charge of identifying and recommending candidates for the position of Vice President of Student Life.

The charge letter encouraged the search committee members to look for highly competitive candidates with strong leadership skills, committed to excellence in serving undergraduate and graduate students, to the integration of learning inside the classroom with activities outside of the classroom, to engagement with society, and to values of diversity and accessibility.

The search committee identified several finalists for campus visits. After those visits, President Young invited Dr. Denzil James Suite to join the University of Washington leadership as the new Vice President for Student Life. Dr. Suite arrived to our campus on July 29, 2013.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH



Dr. Denzil Suite, Vice President for Student Life, joined the University of Washington in July 2013. In that capacity, he provides leadership and direction for strategic planning, assessment, and staff development for a comprehensive division of student programs and services. He leads a team of individuals in creating and maintaining a healthy campus environment through services, programs, and innovative learning experiences beyond the classroom, and through a highly collaborative relationship with other senior UW leaders.

Prior to joining UW, he served as Associate Vice President of Student Affairs at the University of Southern California where he had oversight responsibilities for over 20 departments in the division. He also served and as an Associate Professor for Clinical Education at the USC Rossier School of Education. He taught master's level courses on Student Development, the History of Higher Education, and on Intervention Strategies.

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Suite earned his bachelor's degree in Psychology at The Ohio State University, a master's degree in Education from the University of Vermont, and a Ph.D. in Policy and Organization from the University of Southern California.

His research for his doctorate centered on factors affecting student success in college. He is especially interested in how students from differing backgrounds are affected by the college environment. He chose this topic because of his long-standing commitment to college students and their success.

Dr. Suite has worked professionally in student affairs for over 20 years and has held positions of responsibility at UC Berkeley, Cal State L.A., and UC Santa Cruz. He is the recipient of numerous awards from national, local, and student organizations.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors for Front Porch Communities—a nonprofit company serving the elderly, indigent, and disabled.