

Hall to serve as acting provost at Alfred University

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A veteran faculty member and academic administrator will be acting provost of Alfred University, effective Aug. 9, President Charles M. Edmondson announced today. Dr. William M. Hall, dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences since 1998, will serve as interim provost while the University conducts a national search for a replacement for Dr. David Szczerbacki, who will become provost and vice president for academic affairs at the College of St. Rose in Albany in August. "We are fortunate one of our most-senior academic administrators has agreed to fill the provost's position on an interim basis," said Edmondson. "As dean and as a member of the Commission on Planning, Dr. Hall is very familiar with the workings of the University's largest college, as well as the challenges and opportunities that are before the University as a whole." "It is with a great sense of humility that I accept the challenges of serving as Acting Provost," said Hall. "As a member of the Alfred University community, I have developed a deep respect for my colleagues and share their devotion to teaching. I remain committed to supporting our mission and I will work diligently to continue the tradition of excellence that exemplifies our academic programs." Hall served as acting dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences for a year prior to accepting the full-time appointment in July 1998. He has been a member of the Alfred University faculty since 1980 as a professor of sociology and director of the Criminal Justice Program. From that base, he has been instrumental in developing and serving as director of the Rural Justice Institute, which has attracted more than \$1.6 million in funding from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs, part of the federal Department of Justice. As dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Science, Hall led the development and implementation of the First-Year Experience (FYE) Program. Under his leadership, the College has launched a new major in Global Studies; placed a new emphasis on undergraduate research; and is developing additional courses with a community service component. Hall has published several papers in his specialties of criminology, deviance, delinquency, juvenile justice and police behavior, and received two Outstanding Teacher Awards from the University. Hall has also been active in the Alfred community, serving as a village trustee for six years before becoming mayor in 1992, a position he held for five years. A graduate of Corning Painted Post High School, Hall received an associate's degree from Corning Community College. He received a B.A. degree in liberal arts from SUNY Geneseo and both an M.A. and Ph.D degree in sociology from Syracuse University. He and his wife, Lynne, live in Alfred and are the parents of two daughters.