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Dr. Weisler comes to Dominican from Hampshire College, where he is a professor of Linguistics and has served in numerous leadership roles, including Dean of Enrollment and Assessment, Dean of Academic Development, and Dean of Cognitive Science. Dr. Weisler also serves as Research Fellow with the New Leadership Alliance for Student Learning and Accountability in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Rodriguez-Farrar comes to Dominican from Brown University, where she most recently served as Assistant to Brown University President Ruth Simmons.

“I am delighted to announce the appointment of two such well qualified and exciting new members of the Dominican community,” President Marcy said.

“Both Dr. Weisler and Dr. Rodriguez-Farrar have considerable experience working with a range of higher education institutions and share an innate commitment to the purposes of higher education. Their exceptional credentials are surpassed only by their commitment to students.”

Dr. Steven E. Weisler, Provost

In his 16 years in leadership roles at Hampshire College, Dr. Weisler has overseen academic program building and evaluation, faculty development, budget management, and institutional research.\

“I am extremely pleased to be joining Dominican University of California as Provost next semester,” Dr. Weisler said.

“My welcome to Dominican has been warm, and I have been most impressed with the thoughtfulness and level of engagement demonstrated by the faculty and staff. I am also drawn to Dominican because of its strong position and tradition of innovation at the intersection of liberal and professional education.”

Significant accomplishments include diversifying faculty, overseeing grant-based initiatives, and developing major new programs to integrate technology into the classroom. He has attracted funding for, and served as primary investigator on, four grant-supported multi-institution assessment projects. He also has substantial experience developing and supporting student research, student leadership, and student exchange programs. He recently spent two years leading a Teagle Foundation research project on the ways in which liberal learning can prepare students for a life of work.

Dr. Weisler is founder of Hampshire College’s Innovative Instruction Laboratory, which explores educational applications of multimedia technology, and has produced for MIT Press a CD-ROM edition of Theory of Language. He is co-author of the 1987 and 1995 editions of Cognitive Science: An Introduction, the first undergraduate textbook in the field.

Dr. Weisler earned his Ph.D. from Stanford University and was a Sloan post-doctoral fellow in cognitive science at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He also holds an M.A. in communication from Case Western Reserve University.

Dr. Hanna Rodriguez-Farrar, Senior Assistant to the President

In her role as Assistant to the President of Brown University, Dr. Rodriguez-Farrar ensured the effective functioning and oversight of the Office of the President and also served as a liaison to various dignitaries, public officials as well as to senior administrative, faculty, staff and student organizations. Dr. Rodriguez-Farrar will be central to Dominican's efforts to advance engaged learning and help lead Dominican's key strategic initiatives.

Dr. Rodriguez-Farrar has considerable experience in higher education having worked as Assistant Director for Education at Brown University's Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Research Associate at Harvard Business School, and Project Manager at Harvard University's Center for Education Policy Research, Harvard Graduate School of Education's Institute for Education Management, and the National Bureau of Economic Research. She was elected President of the Brown University's Alumni Association and served as a Trustee on the Corporation of Brown University.

Dr. Rodriguez-Farrar is co-author of numerous Harvard Business School Case Studies and Teaching Notes. She also has received numerous education honors and awards including the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching at Brown University, the Samuel Milton Nabrit Fellowship, and the Charles H. Smith Fellowship.

Dr. Rodriguez-Farrar holds a master's degree and doctorate in Art History from Brown University and an Ed.M from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She is completing her Ed.D. in Higher Education Policy and Leadership at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

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