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Brent T. White named Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs of Golden Gate University

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New Provost/VPAA

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Dear GGU Community,

It's my great pleasure to formally announce the appointment of Brent White to become GGU's new Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, successfully concluding the national search which began in July. Brent will officially start his appointment January 4, but he has already begun engaging with academic deans and other GGU employees.

Brent, who is a scholar of law and development and property law, joins us after serving 15 years with the University of Arizona, where he started as a Professor of Law, with work featured in the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, NPR, and 60 Minutes.

At Arizona, he assumed leadership positions with increasing responsibility—Associate Dean for the College of Law's Programs and Global Initiatives, the university's Vice Provost for International Education, Dean of Global Locations, and, finally, Vice Provost & Vice President for Global Affairs, serving on the President's Cabinet and Senior Leadership Team.

This is a critical hire for the university. The newly created position of Provost/VPAA will play a vitally important leadership role in shaping the future of GGU. The provost's broad portfolio includes assuring the quality and integrity of GGU's academic programs, improving the quality of the student experience overall, ensuring that GGU retains students until they earn their desired degree or credential, and prioritizing school-specific enrollment growth initiatives in collaboration with academic deans.

As GGU's chief academic officer, Brent will also oversee the Registrar, Financial Aid, Enrollment Services, eLearning/Instructional Design, Library Services, and other areas most recently managed by our chief operating officer.

I am confident that Brent's leadership, grounded in extensive experience and demonstrated success at the University of Arizona, will help strategically advance GGU, serving our mission and students extraordinarily well.

Brent currently leads all global activities and programs at the University of Arizona. This includes Arizona's worldwide network of campuses and locations, which he led from its inception in 2015 with a single location in China. The worldwide network has since grown to 13 microcampuses and over 600 learning centers and study hubs around the world. Brent also created and leads a global online division called "Global Direct," which provides low-cost access to select online degrees and certificates to students everywhere. Arizona's combined global student enrollment exceeded 5,400 students this fall, setting a record for the university.

As part of his portfolio at Arizona, Brent also leads international admissions, support for international students and faculty, and study abroad programs, including 11 study abroad sites.

As Associate Dean at Arizona's College of Law, Brent conceptualized and led the development of the nation's first Bachelor of Arts in Law, as well as a Masters in Legal Studies program. These two programs now have over 1,800 students combined, making Arizona Law among the largest law schools in the country.

Please join me in giving Brent an enthusiastic welcome to our GGU family.

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Dr. David Fike, President
Golden Gate University