



MEMORANDUM

To: Academic Deans, Faculty and Staff
USC College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
USC Viterbi School of Engineering

From: Elizabeth Garrett
Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Date: August 24, 2010

Subject: Appointment of Leana Golubchik as Director of the Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE) Program

Office of the Provost

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I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Leana Golubchik** as Director of USC’s Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE) Program, effective September 1, 2010. Dr. Golubchik is an Associate Professor in the Department of Computer Science with a joint appointment in the Ming Hsieh Department of Electrical Engineering – Systems, in the USC Viterbi School of Engineering. Dr. Golubchik will assume a role previously held by **Jean Morrison** who was recently appointed as Executive Vice Provost for Academic Affairs.

In this role, Dr. Golubchik will have primary responsibility for administrative oversight of USC’s WiSE Program and for advancing its long-term programmatic goals: 1) to increase the representation of women in science and engineering; 2) to offset barriers that inhibit the advancement of women to leadership positions; and 3) to promote educational and career advancement opportunities for women in science and engineering fields. She will act on my behalf in all matters of program direction, commitments, and financial allocations. She also serves as the liaison between the Provost’s Office and the Deans of the USC College and the Viterbi School of Engineering and between the Provost’s Office and the WiSE Advisory Board. She will report to Executive Vice Provost Jean Morrison.

Dr. Golubchik has been active in leadership of the WiSE Program, serving as chair of the WiSE Committee for the Viterbi School of Engineering for two years, and as a member of the Provost’s WiSE Advisory Board for five years. Since 2007, she has served as Associate Chair for Ph.D. Programs in the Department of Computer Science. Dr. Golubchik was appointed to the USC faculty in 2002. She held previous faculty appointments at the University of Maryland, College Park (1997-2001) and Columbia University (1995-1997). Her research interests include Internet-based computing, multimedia systems, and computer systems modeling and performance evaluation. Dr. Golubchik received her B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering (1989), and her M.S. (1992) and Ph.D. (1995) both in Computer Science from the University of California, Los Angeles.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Jean Morrison for her leadership as the inaugural Director of the WiSE Program (appointed in 2002). A Professor of Earth Sciences in the USC College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, Dr. Morrison has played an instrumental role in helping to establish the programs that have made WiSE one of the most unique and successful diversity initiatives at USC. She will continue to advise the Provost's Office on issues pertaining to WiSE, working closely with Dr. Golubchik.

Please join me in congratulating Leana Golubchik on her new appointment as Director of the WiSE Program. We know that under her leadership, the WiSE program will continue to accelerate the progress that women at USC make in rising to the top of their fields of science and engineering.

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