Colleagues,

I am extremely pleased to announce that, under the careful guidance of RIT President Emeritus Paul Miller, the former Paul Miller Chair in Continuing Education has been reconstituted as the Paul and Francena Miller Chair in International Education. It is the expectation of Dr. Miller that the work of this chair will advance our students’ understanding of their civic responsibilities in a complex, urban, and global society.

Unlike a fixed chair, the Paul and Francena Miller Chair in International Education is dedicated to making an impact on international education in all the colleges. As such, it will support distinct chairs in two different colleges each year. Each position will be filled by an existing faculty member of the college and will have dual reporting to their dean and the associate provost for international education and global programs.

In general, the position will be responsible for:

a. Short and long term planning for advancing international education in the designated college;

b. Support for curriculum development to enhance the international experience and exposure for students in the designated college; in particular, to the extent possible, this curriculum development should reflect Dr. Miller’s interests in making sure that RIT students learn of their civic responsibilities in a global society;

c. Facilitate the development of international experiences for faculty and students in the college;

d. Work closely with the associate provost for international education and global programs to assist in the advancement of international education at the campus level.

For the 2013-2014 academic year, the College of Applied Science and Technology and the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences will be given incumbent positions in the college rotation of the chair. I have asked the deans of these colleges, together with Associate Provost Jim Myers, to select the internal candidates for these positions. The start date for each position will be September 1, 2013.

There is no doubt in my mind that this position will significantly aid our efforts to internationalize the educational experience of our students through the work of the faculty in the colleges. I look forward to announcing to the campus the names of the faculty selected to hold the inaugural Paul and Francena Miller Chairs in International Education.
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Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

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