An announcement from Jeremy Haefner, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to share with you that Dr. Masasse Mbonye has been appointed by the Rwanda government as the Rwanda National University’s Vice Rector for Academic Affairs (Vice President and Provost). Dr. Mbonye, a cosmologist and black hole astrophysicist, was a faculty member in RIT’s Department of Physics; he continues to maintain collaborative relationships with RIT. Dr. Mbonye also co-founded the RIT-Rwanda Collaboration which brings and supports Rwandan graduate students to attend RIT, supports interaction and exchange of academic personnel, develops research projects in Rwanda and encourages RIT exchange students to Rwanda.

Collaborations between RIT and Rwanda are growing. One current success example is a funded research project involving American, European and African scientists. Under the leadership of RIT Professor Anthony Vodacek, these scientists are conducting a hydrodynamic study of Rwanda’s Lake Kivu. Dr. Mbonye’s appointment as the NUR Provost is a positive step forward toward further growth of these kinds of collaborations.

Please join me in extending RIT’s best wishes for success to Dr. Masasse Mbonye.