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Kennesaw State taps former dean as interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs

Linda Noble brings breadth of University System experience, including 22 years at KSU

KENNESAW, Ga. (Jan. 10, 2018) — Retired Professor Emeritus of Psychology and former KSU administrator Linda Noble has returned to Kennesaw State as part of the University’s presidential transition.

Noble has joined the Office of Academic Affairs in a part-time role to assist Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Ken Harmon as he transitions into the role of interim president. Noble will then serve as interim provost when Harmon becomes KSU’s interim president on Feb. 15.

Noble began her career at Kennesaw State University in 1985. During her 22 years at Kennesaw State, she was a faculty member, department chair of psychology, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and associate director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

“Linda Noble is truly dedicated to Kennesaw State University, and I can think of no better person to serve as interim provost,” Harmon said. “Dr. Noble has extensive knowledge and experience in University System of Georgia policies and practices regarding academic programs and faculty affairs. She is known for her collaborative and transparent leadership style and is well-respected across the USG.”

This is the second time that Noble has served as an interim provost in the University System of Georgia. From July to December of 2013, she was interim provost and vice president of academic affairs at Fort Valley State University, where she collaborated with faculty and campus leaders to strengthen academic policies and procedures.

Noble joined the University System of Georgia’s Office of Academic Affairs in 2008 as associate vice chancellor of faculty affairs and was promoted to vice chancellor for academic affairs three years later. She oversaw faculty policies and procedures at USG institutions, system-wide faculty development and resources for campus-level faculty development, academic programs at USG institutions and Board of Regents approval of new programs.

After retiring, Noble was rehired by the Board of Regents in a part-time role in 2015. Noble has worked primarily with the USG’s consolidated institutions for the past two years, and she recently completed an assignment to Savannah State University as senior academic advisor to the president.

Noble received her Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from the College and earned both her master’s and doctorate degrees in psychology from the University of Georgia. She also has held several leadership positions in Division Two of the American Psychological Association, as president and as a section editor of the journal *Teaching of Psychology*.

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