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- **Update on Senior Administration Searches**
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Update on Recent Administrative Leadership Appointments:

Vice President for Strategic Initiatives—Jane Hunter
- She has a longstanding and deep history of service to and familiarity with the University of Arizona.
- She served as the UA’s Director of Academic Resources and Special Projects for 3 years (starting in October 2015)
- Previously, she was the Associate Director and then Director for UA’s Engineering Education Enrichment Program (Associate Director from 2009-2011, Director in 2012)
- She is a double alumna from the UA, getting her BS in Mechanical Engineering and her PhD in Higher Education.

Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs—Andrea Romero
- Dr. Andrea Romero is a Professor in Family Studies & Human Development. She also has appointments in Psychology and the Mexican American Studies & Research Center.
- She has a Ph.D. in Social Psychology with emphasis in quantitative methodology, Latino/a psychology, and adolescent health. Her research interests include studying cultural factors that may prevent ethnic and racial health disparities.
- She has published several articles that focus on sources of resiliency found in ethnic identity, families, and low-income neighborhoods.
- She has been at the UA since 2000, with an extensive record of service, including Director of the Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth and Families.
- She has received numerous awards, such as the Richard Ruiz Leadership Faculty Award, the Cesar Chavez Award from the National Association of Social Workers, Women of the Year by the Hispanic Professional Action committee in 2010 as well as named 40 Under 40 by the Arizona Daily Star.

Assistant Vice President for Federal Relations—Julia Smith
- She oversees all lobbying and advocacy efforts to advance UA’s priorities before federal agencies, Congress and the Administration.
- Julia formerly served as Assistant Vice President for Federal Relations at the Association of American Universities where her primary responsibilities for funding and policy issues related to the Department of Defense research, and Department of Energy research, and the humanities. She also worked on issues related to
research costs and scientific openness and security, other regulatory and compliance issues, and communicating science effectively to broader audiences.

- Julia served as a founding member of and co-chair for the Golden Goose Award. The Golden Goose Award recognizes federally funded basic research that may have been silly-sounding or obscure but has since gone on to have an enormous societal impact.
- Prior to joining AAU, Julia served on a 2008 presidential campaign. She volunteers with the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) and the Human Rights Campaign, both of which are headquartered in Washington, DC.

**Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine—Julie Funk**

- The UA’s proposed College of Veterinary Medicine is designed to have a competency-based, year-round curriculum that will graduate students in three years, allowing them to enter the workforce a year earlier than traditional programs. Students are expected to get a wide range of clinical experiences with a variety of species in diverse settings including the university, private practice, industry, and the biomedical research and public health arenas.
- As founding dean, Julie will be responsible for working with the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education to earn full accreditation for the UA College of Veterinary Medicine. The AVMA will conduct a site visit to the UA in May 2019. If provisional accreditation is granted, the UA will have the only public veterinary school in Arizona, which is facing a shortage of veterinarians in several areas.
- Her duties will include directing the structure and implementation of curriculum and training programs; developing research and outreach missions that incorporate emerging trends and needs in veterinary education, research and practice; providing fiscal leadership and heading fundraising and development efforts; and participating in faculty and administrative recruitment.
- Julie joins the UA from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, where she was a professor in the department of large animal clinical sciences and associate dean for academic programs and student success. She taught veterinary preventive medicine for six years at The Ohio State University before joining the faculty at MSU.

**Vice President for Executive Office of the President—Craig Henderson**

- Craig is responsible for leading President’s office staff, serving as a trusted advisor to President Robbins and the senior team, and supporting President Robbins work to advance university priorities.
- Craig is a collaborative leader who has directed the office of the president at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center for nearly ten years & served as a key advisor and assistant to several presidents of that institution
- Previously he was a journalist & communications professional.
Vice President for Equity and Inclusion and Title IX Administrator—Ron Wilson

- Ron was recently appointed to the position of Vice President for Title IX, Equity, and Inclusion, and he will lead the University’s work to make our Title IX program and all other civil rights-related programs national models.
- Ron is working with all related units to create a plan for a smooth transition to this new model, where his unit, the Department for Equity, Inclusion, and Title IX, will be a central point of coordination for all civil rights-related compliance on campus.
- Ron has served as a chief diversity officer, equal opportunity administrator and investigator, agency open record officer, Title IX coordinator for gender equity in sports and as a Title IX investigator at Edinboro University in Pennsylvania.
- He has roots in Arizona and made state history in 2002 when he became the first African American chief magistrate as chief presiding judge for the city of South Tucson. He also was adjunct faculty member for the University of Arizona Africana Studies Department and later became a faculty member for the Judicial College of Arizona at the Arizona Supreme Court in Phoenix.
- In 2014, Ron was vice president of the Southern Arizona Black Chamber of Commerce.
- He earned his law degree from Northeastern University after attaining a bachelor’s degree from Syracuse University. Following law school, he was a John D. O’Bryant Community Fellow at Northeastern University’s Otto P. Snowden Urban Law and Public Policy Institute.
- Ron has earned numerous honors, including the NAACP Rosa Parks Living History Makers Award, League of United Latin American Citizens’ Community Service Award and the Asa Philip Randolph Institute’s Ida B. Wells Social Justice Award.

University Compliance Officer—Celina Ramirez

- Responsible for effectively implementing the policies, procedures and practices that ensure UA compliance with institutional, regulatory and legal requirements.
- In doing so, she will partner with compliance representatives who span disciplines, including research, financial, medical and institutional equity, to ensure that University practices are consistent with our institutional values and the highest standards of ethics.
- Celina has more than 10 years of experience in compliance at the UA, most recently as the Americans with Disabilities Act/504 compliance officer and associate director at the Disability Resource Center. She developed a 5-year plan for physical access upgrades at the University and created policies and guidelines related to communication and technology access.
- After completing her undergraduate and law degrees at Stanford, Celina joined the UA in 2008 as a compliance officer for the Office of Institutional Equity. With OIE, she conducted discrimination investigations and oversaw the policy adoption process for a revised nondiscrimination policy.
Vice Provost, Global Affairs – Brent White

- We engaged in a rigorous search to name this important role, which included four finalists out of 99 applicants. The finalists participated in a two-day visit to campus during which they each gave presentations and met with several key stakeholders.
- Global engagement is one of five pillars of the strategic plan for the University of Arizona, and Brent is the ideal person to lead the UA’s global effort. Our engagement worldwide drives opportunities to partner with international universities, collaborate across borders to solve global problems and expand student access to transnational experiences and education.
- Brent will coordinate ongoing efforts to implement the UA’s strategic vision for global, including making the UA a top 20 destination for international students, a top 10 national university for a number of students who study abroad, and a world-leader in confronting global challenges.
- He will also lead the creation of a UA Global Center, which will serve as one-stop shop for services for international students, faculty and scholars, and will be the hub for international activities on campus.
- Brent led the team that developed the first UA micro-campus at Ocean University of China in Qingdao, which has become the model for the larger UA initiative to create a network of UA micro-campuses around the globe. He will continue to lead this initiative as Dean of Global Campuses and International Education.
- He was named Interim Vice Provost of UA Global in July 2018, combining the Offices of International Education and Global Initiatives into one unit.
- Brent is a scholar in the area of property as well as law and development, with a focus on Asia.
- He is a tenured professor of law and an affiliated professor of East Asian Studies. His work has been featured in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, NPR and 60 Minutes.
- Prior to academia, he was the legal director of the ACLU of Hawaii, an international litigation associate at Crowell & Moring in Washington, D.C., and a public defender in Nashville, Tennessee.