

MEMORANDUM

TO: University Community

FROM: Vilas A. Prabhu
Provost and Vice President
for Academic Affairs

DATE: April 24, 2020

RE: **APPOINTMENT OF DEAN OF STUDENT SUCCESS AND
ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES**

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Rachel Finley-Bowman as the Dean of Student Success and Associate Provost for Academic Support Services, effective July 1, 2020.

Dr. Finley-Bowman most recently served as Dean of the School of Continuing and Professional Studies and Associate Professor of Social Studies Education at Elizabethtown College. She was formerly Chair of the Education Department at Elizabethtown from 2012 to 2018. Dr. Finley-Bowman received her Ph.D. and M.A. in History from Lehigh University and her B.S. in History/Politics from Drexel University. Prior positions include serving as Associate Professor of History, Chair of the Department of Secondary Education, and Co-Director of the Honors Program at Delaware Valley University. Her research focuses on citizenship, gender, and national identity in Northern Ireland. Dr. Finley-Bowman received the Kappa Delta Pi (International Honor Society in Education) Teacher of Honor Award in 2009 and was a fellow of the Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC) in 2012-2013. She is the President of the Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies (PCSS).

As Dean of Student Success and Associate Provost for Academic Support Services, Dr. Finley-Bowman will provide vision, leadership and advocacy for student support programs, especially general education, high impact practices, the first-year experience and multidisciplinary studies. She will oversee the Department of Academic Advisement and Student Development and the Offices of International Programs and Services, Experiential Learning and Career Management, Learning Services, and Civic and Community Engagement.

I take this opportunity to thank the following Search Committee members for their time and effort on a successful search: Dr. James Delle, Chair; Mr. Andy Welaish; Dr. Ieva Zake; Mrs. Christina Kinney, Dr. Ankur Nandedkar; Dr. Bertha DeJesus; Dr. Tracey Weis; and Dr. Margaret Mbindyo. A special thanks is extended to Mrs. Marie Zufelt for providing administrative support during the search.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Finley-Bowman on her appointment as Dean of Student Success and Associate Provost for Academic Support Services for Millersville University.