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Dear Colleagues,

I began serving as the Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs in Fall 2003. Over the last twelve years I have had the opportunity to continue to grow personally and professionally as the position has changed to realign with the institutional organizational structure and needs. I have seen many positive changes here at ASU including the addition and expansion of graduate programs including our first Ph.D., increased use of on-line education, improved assessment, continued growth in distance learning, and significant improvements to the physical plant of ASU. While not everything has gone as I wished or intended them to, overall I am proud of the strides we have made as an institution; I hope you feel the same.

In all careers and jobs there is a price to be paid and there comes a time when one must make choices that are best for themselves. Given health concerns that time has come for me. After careful thought and consideration I approached President McClure and requested to return to faculty starting Fall 2016. Teaching is the reason I came to ASU, is still my passion, and I am looking forward to returning to a Profession that fills me with satisfaction and life balance.

It is President McClure's desire to have a smooth transition--not a halt--to projects and programs and as such I will remain in this position through August 15 and will work with President McClure to determine how best to hand-off any projects that have not been completed.

I will continue to fulfill the everyday duties of the VPAA and current on-going projects like STAMP, Ag-Business partnership, pre-physical therapy partnership, partnership with TSJC, Quality Initiative Proposal, Governors Challenge, UAV collaboration, PRT, HLC, sabbaticals, etc., until that time. For new academic ideas, endeavors, projects please feel free to continue bringing them to me and I will work with President McClure to determine on how best to proceed with them.

President McClure intends to initiate a national search for the vacant VPAA position in the very near future so stay tuned.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Novotny". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial "F".

Frank Novotny