Office of the Provost

MEMORANDUM

TO: President and Cabinet Deans and Directors

FROM: Ronald T. Brown, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Appointment of Wayne Raskind as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

DATE: August 15, 2012

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Wayne Raskind as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences effective August 15, 2012.

Wayne joins Wayne State University from Arizona State University (ASU) where he was professor and founding director of the School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences (SoMSS).

Wayne's responsibilities encompassed research and instruction in mathematics, applied mathematics, statistics and mathematics education, and four Ph.D. programs. In his three years as director of SoMSS, the number of math majors at ASU increased by more than 50 percent, and the school hired and nurtured talented junior faculty who earned prestigious grants such as the National Science Foundation’s CAREER Award.

He has more than 12 years' experience as an administrator at public and private institutions. Prior to joining ASU, Wayne was chair of mathematics (1999-2005) and dean of faculty (2005-2007) in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at the University of Southern California.

His research interests include algebraic geometry, number theory, algebraic K-theory, partial differential equations, cryptography and mathematics education.
Fluent in French, Wayne spent a year as a visiting researcher at the Université de Paris-Sud in France. He has given numerous lectures and facilitated seminars at institutions in North and South America, Europe and Asia.

He earned a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Cambridge, England and a B.A. in mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania.

During his distinguished career he has won many significant grants including, most recently, a 2011-2014 $2.1 million National Science Foundation grant for “Pathways to Calculus Implementation for Pre-calculus,” for which he is co-principal investigator. He also is chief area editor in cryptography for the *Journal of Computer and System Sciences*.

Please join me in welcoming Wayne Raskind to his new role at Wayne State.