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Quick Facts

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Meg Webber

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University administrators have appointed Meg Webber as director of its Global Learning Initiative (GLI).

She takes on this new role in addition to serving as assistant vice president for academic affairs in the Provost's Office.

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The GLI is Winthrop University's Quality Enhancement Plan, a comprehensive initiative that is a requirement of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools reaffirmation of accreditation processes. Started in 2011-12, the global initiative is a five-year project committed to intentionally integrating global learning across Winthrop's general education program.

Webber follows former GLI Director Karen Kedrowski, who was recently appointed Winthrop's dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Gloria Jones, dean of University College where the GLI is housed, praised Kedrowski for her work in infusing the initiative across campus. "Dr. Kedrowski did an amazing job establishing relationships across campus and in raising awareness of and participation in the Global Learning Initiative. I have every confidence Dr. Webber will continue this momentum," Jones said.

Debra Boyd, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said that Winthrop will benefit from both Webber's project management experience and her passion for the GLI itself. "Dr. Webber has demonstrated leadership in a variety of institutional contexts where her responsibilities required both attention to process and people, to both the larger aims and the smaller details of successful implementations," Boyd said.

Prior to coming to Winthrop, Webber served as assistant dean of the College at Centenary College of Louisiana, where she also directed their quality enhancement plan which included a global component.

"It is a privilege to be asked to serve in this capacity," Webber said. "I have a strong belief in the value of our students developing their intercultural competencies, and the GLI prioritizes this. As the new GLI director at Winthrop, I'll focus my energy on providing an already engaged faculty, staff, and student body with a support infrastructure that institutionalizes this initiative."

Webber is an honors program graduate of Taylor University with a Bachelor of Arts in political science and history. The Virginia native also holds a Master of Arts in history and a doctorate in educational leadership (with a cognate in history) from Ball State University.

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