May 29, 2014

Dear Howard University Community:

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Michael R. Winston, a historian and respected administrator, will serve as Acting Provost through September 30, 2014. Since November 2013, Dr. Winston has served as Academic Counsel to the President. His unparalleled knowledge of Howard and the Academic Affairs portfolio makes him uniquely positioned to serve as Chief Academic Officer.

Dr. Winston has served the University in a number of capacities including: Vice President for Academic Affairs, Director of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Director of Research, Department of History, and Assistant Dean in the College of Liberal Arts. After retiring from Howard, he served as Vice President and Director at Alfred Harcourt Foundation, and subsequently as the Foundation’s President.

Dr. Winston’s research is published in Daedalus; The Journal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; The Journal of Negro History; White House History (with G. Franklin Edwards); The American Journal of Diseases of Children (with Roland B. Scott, MD) and other journals. He also wrote The Howard University Department of History, 1913-1973; co-authored (with Rayford W. Logan) The Negro in the United States: Ordeal of Democracy, 1945-1970; and was co-editor (with Rayford W. Logan) of the Dictionary of American Negro Biography; as well as co-editor (with Genna Rae McNeil) of Historical Judgments Reconsidered. His most recent research publication, is a chapter in the Oxford Handbook of Culture and Psychology, “Cultural Psychology of Racial Ideology in Historical Perspective.”

He earned a B.A. magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa from Howard University in 1962; M.A. in French History and Ph.D. in European History from the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Winston was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters from Rollins College in 2008.

Please also join me in welcoming Dr. Winston as he has agreed to serve in this capacity during this transition period.

As I mentioned in the May 14 letter to the community, current Provost Kurt Schmoke will become president of the University of Baltimore this fall; he will serve on the leadership team at Howard until June 16. Again, I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for his sterling leadership and extraordinary service.

Sincerely,

Wayne A.I. Frederick
Interim President