Weber State University Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities Names New Interim Dean and Associate Dean

Lindquist College Taps Proven Leaders, Catherine Zublin and Becky Jo Gesteland to lead college during 2015-2016 academic year

Ogden, Utah – June 29, 2015 – The Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities at Weber State University (www.weber.edu/cah) today announced the appointment of Catherine Zublin as interim dean and Becky Jo Gesteland as interim associate dean. Both appointments will be effective beginning July 1, 2015. The selection of these two individuals is a result of Madonne Miner, current dean, being named provost of the university. Together, Zublin and Gesteland will be responsible for overseeing five academic departments including: Communication, English, Foreign Language and Literature, Performing Arts and Visual Art & Design.

“Both Catherine and Becky Jo are proven leaders and experienced academics who understand the importance of vision and strategy in moving the Lindquist College forward in the next year,” said Madonne Miner, Provost of Weber State University. “I look forward to continuing to work with both of them as they transition into their new roles.”

Zublin has served Weber State University (WSU) for 30 years, first as a theatre professor and most recently as associate dean of the Lindquist College. During her time at WSU she has developed and taught classes for all aspects of theatre and historical costume and makeup design. Zublin has been the lead costume designer on more than fifty theatre productions during her tenure at WSU. She is a past winner of the prestigious Crystal Crest Master Teacher award and has twice been named outstanding mentor from the university’s office of undergraduate research.

In addition to her responsibilities on campus, Zublin is an active member of the community where she serves on the Treehouse Children’s Museum Board of Directors, directs fundraisers for the Ogden OUTReach Resource Center and a past board member for Utah Musical Theatre. Zublin received her Master of Fine Arts in theatre and drama: costume design from Indiana University. While at Indiana University, she was recognized for her groundbreaking work in costume design and construction. She also holds a bachelor of arts in communication from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Gesteland has been at WSU for 15 years. She earned her PhD in American Studies in English from the University of Utah and a Master of Arts in English from the University of Madison-Wisconsin. Currently, Gesteland is a Professor of English where she teaches courses in technical writing and American Literature. Her publications include articles on content management, program assessment, and XML (for various technical communication books and journals); interviews with Geraldine Brooks and Alice Sebold (for Weber: The Contemporary West); a cultural analysis of anthropologist Gladys Reichard’s fieldwork with the Navajo.
Journal); and personal essays (for Heartland Review West, Role Reboot, and Palaver). Gesteland also serves as the Coordinator of the university’s Engaged Learning Series and oversees the fellows program for the Center for Community Engaged Learning. Her previous administrative experience includes serving as Assistant Chair of English, Coordinator of the First Year Experience Program, and Interim Director of the Composition Program. Gesteland has been an active member of many university and college committees.

“It is an honor to be selected to serve as interim dean of a college that enriches the lives of our students and prepares them to be successful in a wide range of careers,” said Zublin. “I look forward to working with our talented students, dedicated faculty and the larger community to continue the trajectory established by now Provost Miner.”

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The Weber State University Telitha E. Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities teaches students to excel as they seek, understand, question and express complexities critical to the experience of being human. The Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities offers undergraduate degree programs in the following five areas: Communication, English, Foreign Language, Performing Arts and Visual Art & Design. Master’s degrees also are offered in Communication and English. The college serves more than 2,000 undergraduate majors and 250 graduate students. The Lindquist College of Arts & Humanities is the Western region’s foremost institution for student-centered teaching and research that investigates the human experience and aims to educate global citizens who are responsible, creative and critical artists, performers and communicators. For more information please visit, (www.weber.edu/cah).

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