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Watts Appointed Interim Dean of USC Sumter

(Sumter, SC) Michael Amiridis, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost for the University of South Carolina, announced Tuesday, May 8 that Mr. Lynwood Watts has been appointed interim Dean of USC Sumter effective May 15, 2012.

Watts remarked, “I appreciate the confidence that the University has in me and I will do my best in leading USC Sumter. I look forward to working with the talented faculty, staff, students and community in this new capacity.”

Watts, currently the Associate Dean for Student Affairs, will lead the institution until a permanent dean is identified and appointed. His twenty two year tenure at USC Sumter gives him an informed understanding of how to move the institution forward in addressing the current issues and building on the progress made under retiring Dean, Les Carpenter.

“USC Sumter is a center of excellence in teaching, scholarship and service within the USC System and across the greater Pee Dee region of the State, and the expectation is that it will continue to emerge as a premiere institution of higher learning in South Carolina under Mr. Watts’ leadership,” Amiridis wrote in an email to faculty and staff.

Watts is originally from Lancaster, SC. He is a 1981 graduate of The Citadel and 1983 graduate of The University of Tennessee Knoxville. He resides in Sumter with his wife, Terri, a USC Sumter alumna and teacher and coach at Alice Drive Middle School and their two daughters are Britnnii and Kaitlyn.

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