

Installation of Provost
Shane P. Martin, Ph.D.

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The installation of a provost at Seattle University is a significant event in our history because our primary purpose as a university is academic and the provost is the academic leader of the university. Dr. Shane Martin is our new provost and we want to install him in a formal way today.

Shane actually started as provost June 18th the day after our last commencement, taking over from how capably and generously Bob Dullea fulfilled the responsibilities of that position on an interim basis to the benefit of the university and to the acclaim of all. We have been looking forward to an occasion when all of us are gathered as colleagues and especially with our faculty's presence to mark this important milestone and this significant role of academic leadership by this installation. Thank you for being here for it.

For the sake of our kind of education it is important who the provost is. We are a Jesuit university, part of the proud tradition of Jesuit education of centuries and encircling the globe. With our intellectual rigor, its application to the biggest issues of the day, and its inspiration in Ignatian spirituality, we carry out our education on all levels for undergraduate, graduate, law, online and certificate students through faculty who embody our claim, "We value excellence in learning with great teachers who are active scholars." We fulfill our academic purpose in a dynamic, metropolitan city of world-renown and technological prominence, and a city which shapes our education and to which we are committed in service and works of justice. We educate a highly diverse population of students with rich backgrounds and identities which we seek to include in an excellent way in our curriculum and total student experience. Our academic purposes are grounded in a faith commitment from our religious character as a Catholic university and reaches out globally. It is important that the provost of our university have experience in these dimensions and be able to join with colleagues in furthering these academic purposes.

Dr. Shane Martin is up to the task and relishes taking it on. He comes to us from his own Jesuit education which spanned as many as fourteen years from high school, to college, to Master's level education. He deeply knows, works, and lives animated by the Jesuit tradition and by Ignatian spirituality. He received his doctorate from the University of Southern California in International and Intercultural Education, which so matches our purposes at Seattle U. He has been an outstanding full professor and widely published scholar, and has been recognized with numerous national awards. Shane brings to his academic leadership at Seattle University fourteen years as dean of the School of Education of Loyola Marymount University and six years as dean of that university's graduate studies. In addition to this deep experience and these numerous professional qualifications he has an engaging personality, attitude, and way of acting which is centered on others, listens attentively and deeply, prizes collegiality and collaboration, is frank and forward looking. He thoughtfully considers proposals, policies, and structures to advance our academic and wider purposes. He, indeed, matches who we are and are

becoming as a university and what we need in our provost and academic leader. How fortunate we are, Shane; we thank you for choosing Seattle University and our future to which you bring your experience, your commitment, and yourself.

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I now wish, accompanied by Nicole Piasecki, Chairperson of our Board of Trustees and graduate of Yale University, to formally install you, Shane, as provost of Seattle University in the presence of your colleagues. Would you please come forward and I invite all to stand.

Dr. Shane P. Martin, you have been proposed to me to be provost of Seattle University by the Provost Search Committee after wide consultation of the university. With my endorsement you have been approved as provost by the Board of Trustees. You have accepted this responsibility with alacrity and joy and have entered into it as of June 18th of this year.

On this day of September 21, 2018, at the start of our academic year you stand before your colleagues. We welcome you and we promise you our support and care as you exercise your leadership among us. We express our gratitude for your acceptance of this responsibility and this service to us and to our students. On behalf of the whole university I formally install you as provost of Seattle University and ask that Nicole Piasecki, as chairperson of our trustees, give you a sign of office and a remembrance of this day. We all join in congratulating you.