



FNU announces the appointment of two new Pro-Vice-Chancellors

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Following an extensive and rigorous global recruitment process, FNU has appointed two new Pro-Vice-Chancellors of international calibre to provide university-level leadership in learning and teaching, and research and innovation.



Dr Lisa Harrison, who is currently Associate Dean (Teaching and Learning) at the University of the West of England (UK), will take up the position of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Learning & Teaching), in succession to Professor James Pounder. Dr Harrison has over ten years' senior leadership experience in tertiary education, with particular expertise in enhancing student satisfaction and the student experience, curriculum design and revalidation, education for employability, international partnerships, and developing high-performing teams.



Professor Roland de Marco, who is currently Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) at the University of the Sunshine Coast (Australia), will take up the position of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), in succession to Professor Mohini Singh. Professor de Marco is an internationally recognised researcher in materials science, with twenty years' senior leadership experience in higher education. In his current and previous roles he has built research performance at two successive modern universities, and established externally funded projects with industry and the public sector.

Commenting on the appointments, FNU Vice-Chancellor Professor Toby Wilkinson said, "These two senior appointments place the University in a strong position to achieve its ambitious goals under the new Strategic Plan. I believe the calibre and track-record of the two successful candidates are testament to the growing reputation of FNU, both regionally and globally."

Dr Harrison and Professor de Marco are expected to take up their appointments at FNU in September 2021. "The whole university looks forward to welcoming Lisa and Roland as members of the FNU family," added Professor Wilkinson.