

Carl Pramuk is demoted---Paul Kelly is not leaving

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Press Release

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According to an unconfirmed report, Carl Pramuk is scheduled to be demoted from his current position as Dean of Student Affairs at Gallaudet to become the Manager of University Leases and Facilities.

Dwight Benedict is scheduled to become the new Dean of Student Affairs.



Dwight Benedict

It is unclear whether Dwight Benedict's title will be "Dean" or whether the position will be revert to the original: "Executive Director of Student Affairs."

Searches on Gallaudet.edu indicate that Pramuk first had the title: "Executive Director of Student Affairs," but then Jordan upgraded the title to "Dean." Though the term "dean" had often been used informally in previous years, Jordan made title change for Pramuk official some time in 2003 or later.

Another unconfirmed report indicates that Gallaudet Vice President and Treasurer Paul Kelly has no plans to leave Gallaudet, contrary to the rumor circulated earlier indicating that he planned to leave on June 21, 2007. The rumor originated with a confidential source from within the administration.

Here is the listing of Gallaudet administrators who were listed in the "Gallaudet Community" section of the catalog for the current 2006-2007 academic year. Within the time frame of one academic year, there appears to be a 66-plus% turnover rate of these positions.

Among the highest ranks, only Paul Kelly and Kathy Jankowski are staying in their positions. Davila can't fire Kelly, because the Board appointed Kelly to be "Treasurer" of Gallaudet.

RETIRED FROM POSITION--I. King Jordan, *President*; B.A., Gallaudet University; M.A., Ph.D., University of Tennessee (**Replaced by Robert Davila**)

TERMINATED FROM POSITION—Jane K. Fernandes, *President designate*; B.A., Trinity College; M.A., Ph.D., University of Iowa (**Replaced as Provost by Stephen Weiner**)

STAYING IN POSITION--Paul Kelly, *Vice President, Administration and Finance*; B.S., University of Massachusetts; M.B.A., Babson College; J.D., George Washington University (**Inside sources say that Kelly has no plans to leave**)

DEMOTED--Lindsay Dunn, *Special Assistant to the President, Advocacy*; B.A., Gallaudet University; M.A., New York University (**Former position in President's office eliminated**)

RESIGNED--Patricia M. Kunkle, *Executive Assistant to the President/Board Liaison*; B.S., Elizabethtown College; M.S.W., Gallaudet University (**Position open?**)

DEMOTED (?)--Catherine Sweet-Windham, *Executive Director, Institutional Advancement*; B.S., University of North Carolina; M.A., Gallaudet University (**Position now open**)

DEMOTED--Fred Weiner, *Special Assistant to the President, Planning*; B.S., Gallaudet University; M.S., New York University (**Former position in President's office eliminated?**)

DEMOTED--Thomas E. Allen, *Dean, Graduate School and Professional Programs*; B.A., Kenyon College; Ph.D., University of Minnesota (**Position now split up into two positions**)

STAYING IN POSITION (?)--Gary B. Aller, *Executive Director, Business and Support Services*; B.A., University of Washington

STAYING IN POSITION (?)--David F. Armstrong, *Director, Budget*; B.A., Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania

STAYING IN POSITION (Even though she had absolutely no prior experience in law enforcement, according to Covington & Burling Report on HMB incident)--Meloyde Batten-Mickens, *Executive Director, Facilities (position includes Chief of Police of DPS)*; B.S., Virginia Tech University, M.S., National-Lewis University

DEMOTED (?)--Deborah E. DeStefano, *Executive Director, Enrollment Services*; B.A., M.A., Gallaudet University

STAYING IN POSITION--Katherine A. Jankowski,
Dean, Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center; B.A., Gallaudet University; M.Ed., University of Arizona; Ph.D., University of Maryland

RESIGNED FROM POSITION--Karen Kimmel,
Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Technologies; B.A., M.A., West Virginia University; Ph.D., State University of New York, Buffalo

STAYING (?)--Cynthia M. King,
Executive Director, Academic Technology; B.A., University of Delaware; M.Ed., McDaniel College; Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

DEMOTED--[Carl A. Pramuk](#),
Dean, Student Affairs; B.A., Gallaudet University; M.Ed., American University

STAYING (?)---Leida I. Torres,
University Librarian; B.A., M.L.S., University of Puerto Rico

SOON TO RETIRE (?)---John Van Cleve,
Executive Director, ITS/Press/Marketing; B.A., Western State

NOT LISTED IN "UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY" DIRECTORY:

RETIRED---Mercy Coogan, Director of Office of Public Relations (***Permanent position open, currently held by Interim Director Lynne Murray***)

http://gradschool.gallaudet.edu/gradschool/catalog/catalogs/2006_07/pdf/community.pdf

Addendum (June 25, 2012): [Mercy Coogan](#) returned to work at Gallaudet in April 2010, three months after George Flett resigned from the PR Dept. At the time, a PR person described Coogan as being a "point of contact" who was on "temporary contract," but later Coogan was allowed to return to work in the Public Relations department at Gallaudet – the same department where she worked when she attempted to whitewash the Oct. 25, 2006 attack on Mt. Bison by claiming that the front-end loader/bulldozer used to plow through protesters' tents "[wasn't used in any physical way](#)."

Of the 20 names listed in the June 2007 press release above, only 9 people remain listed in [the Gallaudet faculty/staff directory](#): Paul Kelly, Lindsay Dunn, Fred Weiner, Paul Allen, Gary Aller, Meloyde Batten-Mickens, Deborah DeStefano, Cynthia King, and Carl Pramuk. Batten-Mickens is no longer the police chief at Gallaudet.

Addendum (Sept. 3, 2015): Of the 20 names listed in the June 2007 press release, now only 4 people remain listed in the [the Gallaudet faculty/staff directory](#): Paul Kelly, Lindsay Dunn, Fred Weiner, and Gary Aller. [Batten-Mickens left](#) in August of 2014 to go to the US Department of Homeland Security, [Deborah DeStefano](#) was [chosen by GUAA](#) to represent the alumni on the 2014-2015 Presidential Search Advisory Committee, [Cynthia King](#) retired in March 2014.

Addendum (September 17, 2018): By next February 2019 the list of four mentioned above is expected to be winnowed down to two people: [Lindsay Dunn](#) and Gary Aller. [Lindsay is a good man and a scholar](#), notwithstanding the significant blind spot he had for favoring Jordan and Fernandes in 2006 (and beyond). Such types of honest disagreements are inevitable in life. We're willing to forgive and forget (and he was extremely helpful in one instance, during the NAD convention in Palm Desert, letting us know that Fernandes was the unofficial head of the Crisis Management Team). We're in favor of seeing Lindsay throw his hat in the ring to replace Paul Kelly (though he'd be a longshot candidate, he certainly deserves a shot at it and the "publicity steroids" that such a venture might provide, to help enhance his prospects elsewhere).

[Gary Aller](#), by contrast, kept an incredibly low profile during 2006. It's still not really known outside his circle of friends where he stood in 2006. He seems to be the consummate, dedicated bureaucrat, wisely refraining from taking sides (although we think he should have taken a side, publicly, but it takes all kinds, as they say). His one liability, and it's a really significant one, is that he was above the PPD in the organizational chart on Oct. 25, 2006, when the PPD and the campus police jointly launched a [vicious attack on Mt. Bison against protesters](#). We would like the videos taken of the attack (by the private contractors that Paul Kelly hired) to be released to the public. Gary could help in that effort, as a way of clearing his name. How about it [Gary](#)? At least tell us the contractors' names, for history's sake. We met them personally, so we know they were there. Unfortunately, we didn't get their names. There were many witnesses, so this simply cannot be ignored and swept under the institutional rug. It must come out for healing to take place.... [Where is that "good morning"](#) that you promised us?

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