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Gregory R. Mellas, Minneapolis, was appointed Metropolitan State University director for the Institute for Community Engagement and Scholarship (ICES) effective Dec. 19. This is a full-time probationary position.

In this role, he guides the integration of community engagement, community action and civic engagement and scholarship into the fabric of the university through curricular, co-curricular and institutional activities. As director he provides leadership to the university's Academic Internship program; School, Youth and Family Outreach program; American Democracy Project; youth literacy initiatives; community-university library-community outreach program, Individualized Study Abroad and the Community-based Learning program.

Mellas worked since 2006 as service learning director/Center for Civic Engagement leader and Spanish instructor at Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC). From 2003–2006 he was the service-learning coordinator at Metropolitan State University and MCTC. Earlier he worked as both an English as a second language and citizenship instructor at Chicanos Latinos Unidos En Servicio in Saint Paul, and as a Project SHINE coordinator at both Metropolitan State and MCTC. He also served two years in Paraguay with the U.S. Peace Corps.

He holds a B.A. international studies and Spanish from the University of St. Thomas and an M.S. in Spanish from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

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