New vice president to study department

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No stranger to the Lafayette area, Alysa Rollock, interim vice president for human relations, will spend the remainder of the summer evaluating the organizational structure and mission of her department.

With this past Wednesday being her first day on the job, Rollock, a member of the law school faculty at Indiana University in Bloomington, has already met with the staff and offices that report to her.

Approximately 10 years ago, Rollock lived in the area while working for a law firm in Indianapolis. Her husband, David, had taken a job with Purdue as a professor of psychological sciences. The couple moved to Zionsville, their current home, when Rollock decided to work at Indiana University.

Rollock replaces Judith Gappa, who is now concentrating on research and teaching in the School of Education.

The Human Relations Office was established in 1991 and encompasses Affirmative Action, the Women’s Resource Office, the Relocation Assistance Program, and the Diversity Resource Office.

“We have responsibility to faculty and staff as well as the students,” Rollock said.

Tari Alper, a relocation specialist with the Relocation Assistance Program, said their program is a raving success. The human relations department helps the spouses of “Purdue hires” to find jobs. For example, if Purdue hires a professor of political science and the spouse is a physicist, the office assists the spouse in their job hunt.

Rollock plans to continue the operations of each department while evaluating the Human Relations Office and its impact on the university.

“I will begin convening with representatives on campus and other campuses,” Rollock said.